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BRITISH FORCES GAIN FURTHER SUCCESSES IN IRAQ: R.A.F. ACTION

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 9 (UP).—TO-DAY'S GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE BRITISH HAVE OCCUPIED THE PLATEAU OVERLOOKING THE HABBANIYAH AIRFIELD AND THAT THE REMNANTS OF THE DISSIDENT ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI ARMY WHICH ATTACKED HABBANIYAH HAVE WITHDRAWN TOWARD RAMADI AND FALLIYAH.

BRITISH PATROLS WERE ACTIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF BOTH OF THESE PLACES. IN THE BASRA AREA ALL IS QUIET.

IRAQI AIR FORCE OBLITERATED

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—The Air Ministry to-day stated that the Iraqi air force has practically ceased being an effective fighting force, adding: "Two bombing attacks were made yesterday on the Bakuka and Shahmamban landing grounds north of Baghdad which probably completed the destruction of the Iraqi air force."

WAR MATERIALS CAPTURED

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 9 (UP).—The R.A.F., armoured cars and troops, in addition to inflicting heavy casualties among the Iraqi rebels in the Habbaniyah area, captured a large quantity of materials including six serviceable howitzers, a number of other guns and four armoured

\$10,000 GIFT TO BOMBER FUND

A further generous donation of \$10,000 to the Bomber Fund has been received from the Hongkong Club. Shortly after the Fund opened in 1940, the Club subscribed \$5,000, and since that time, many contributions have been received from "Hongkong Club Bowlers" and other groups of members. All these donations are of course, apart from the many substantial donations received from individual members. Such whole-hearted response is most gratifying.

Germans Launch Fiercest Attack Of Tobruk Siege

By IAN YINDRICH
Special to the "Telegraph"

INSIDE TOBRUK, May 2 (delayed) (UP).—Sixty German tanks and large forces of German infantry, including crack "panzer ploughers" who were flown especially from Italy for the job, last Thursday launched the fiercest attack during the three week siege.

Thirty German tanks and about 600 infantrymen and sappers penetrated the perimeter of the wire defences at one point under cover of German artillery fire which blasted the British for 36 hours. Dive bombers were active throughout Wednesday.

The Germans retained the Italian-built fort within the apex, 3,000 yards inside the defences near Acroma road, although the Australians heavily counter-attacked Thursday evening.

Fourteen German tanks were destroyed on Thursday but the infantry retained their positions. The Germans hurled truckloads of infantry into the assault.

Germans Feel Heat

HAIFA, May 9 (Reuter).—Complaining of terrible heat, small parties of Germans are approaching Australian patrols in the Tobruk area and offering to surrender, according to military personnel arriving on leave here.

Some of the Germans had had no water for 48 hours. When asked where their rifles were, the Nazis replied that they had thrown them away.

The Australians, thereupon told them to go back and recover their rifles and then surrender.

R.A.F. DEVASTATE GERMAN CITIES

400 Planes In Attack

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. sent a record number of planes to bomb Germany—estimated at nearly 400 strong—which started up even before dusk. The German ship-building centres of Hamburg and Bremen were the chief targets. Berlin was also attacked.

Axis Powers Scheme In Tokyo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, May 9 (Domei).—Following similar meetings in Berlin and Rome, the general commission of the Mixed Experts' Committee organised under the Japanese-German-Italian alliance pact met for the first time to-day with Mr Yosuke Matsukata, presiding.

Besides the Foreign Minister, Major-General Eugen Ott, German Ambassador, Signor Mario Indelli, Italian Ambassador, and Mr Tamao Sakamoto, Director of the European and Asiatic Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office, attended the meeting.

Referred to the committee meeting were various questions concerning the co-operation among the three Powers under the three-Power pact including economic questions.

The R.A.F. lost ten bombers in concentrated and heavy attacks against very fierce defences, including fighters. For some nights past, British losses by night have been extremely small.

Well Defended Cities

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The bombers began to leave England in a procession which seemed unending, says the Air Ministry news service to-night.

Germany's two greatest seaports, Bremen and Hamburg—selected for the main weight of the attack—were ringed with guns, heavy and light, and night fighters were ready to challenge the raiders.

Sometimes, the fighters were eluded, often they were driven off, but once a bomber was seen to fall after an engagement with a Nazi fighter.

Unabated Attack

Strong as the defences were, the force of the attack never abated. The night's operations included attacks on Berlin, Emden and other targets in northwest Germany.

At Hamburg, the Blohm-Voss shipyards in which many submarines can be built at one time, and at Bremen, the Deutsche Schiff-Umdaschinenbau and Atlas shipyards, were all heavily bombed.

In other industrial quarters of both towns, there were widespread fires as well as many other marks of devastation.

Aerodromes Marked

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Twenty-four tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on German aerodromes in northern France and Belgium to-day by R.A.F. night fighters, which again carried out highly successful raids on enemy positions.

Reconnaissance flights over the Mediterranean were made by aircraft of the Free Yugo-Slavian Air Force.

Middle East Air Raids

CAIRO, May 9 (Reuter).—In Abyssinia, R.A.F. and South African air force units, together with a Free French flight, carried out highly successful raids on enemy positions.

Reconnaissance flights over the Mediterranean were made by aircraft of the Free Yugo-Slavian Air Force.

N.E.I. OIL FOR JAPAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—An exclusive and authoritative source to-day reported that the Director of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands East Indies, Joncker Von Mook, and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr Yoshizawa, have concluded a new agreement obliging the N.E.I. to supply Japan with 925,000 tons of oil during the next six months.

A senior officer of the R.A.F. is quoted as saying that with the air force "practically liquidated," the R.A.F. cannot undertake any air offensive of any value.

Final smashing blows were delivered on Thursday on landing grounds north of Baghdad and at Raschid airbase.

Women Evacuated

CAIRO, May 9 (Reuter).—All British women and children in Baghdad have now left for India by air. It is announced American-built troop-carrying aircraft of the R.A.F. brought a party numbering over 200 to the south of Basra from Habbaniyah. The pilot of one aircraft said that his plane was shot at by Iraqis, who, at that time, were on the escarpment overlooking the aerodrome at Habbaniyah. They must know we are taking women aboard," he said.

Three aircraft carriers had taken

to be destroyed, went to earth "like a flaming torch," said the pilot of the successful British machine, and it hit the ground with a terrific explosion in a wood a few miles from the aerodrome.

The crew of an American built Havoc night fighter, found the flare path of another aerodrome lit up and a beacon guiding the home-coming night raiders. The Havoc, evading the searchlights, straddled the flare-path with bombs.

Tons of Bombs Dropped

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—It is estimated that the R.A.F. dumped between 900 and 1,000 tons of aerial bombs on Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin and Emden last night which caused widespread devastation on important military targets comparable to the heaviest German raids on Britain.

LATEST

Nazis To Be Given Use Of French Colonial Territory

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, May 9 (UP).—Newspapers and diplomatic quarters believe that the new Franco-German agreement will allow Germans the right to traverse French colonies and mainland.

It added that the pact will allow the Germans to establish bases in Syria against the British positions in the Middle East; this would affect Turkey and Iraq and also include Tunisia, where the Axis forces would be obliged to enter from Sicily, which would affect Morocco.

Cornwall Sinks Raider Following Gun Duel

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Authoritative quarters believe that the raider sunk by the cruiser Cornwall was a former Hansa liner of 10,000 tons and was probably armed with six 5.9 guns, torpedo tubes and fitted for mine laying.

She had a speed of 19 knots and possibly a large crew of about 800 men for putting prize crews aboard seized ships.

First reports indicated that the raider gave battle and made no attempt to scuttle.

In this respect, it is noteworthy that the Admiralty last week announced by radio a warning that enemy ships will be fired on the future if any attempt is made to scuttle.

They were subsequently rescued and made prisoners.

American Air Expansion

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—A huge expansion in American airports is envisaged in a request which President Roosevelt to-day made to Congress for appropriation of \$61,477,750.

The sum will be used for the construction of 149 new airports and enlargement of 20 now under construction for Army and civilian use.

The increased number of courses of technical units and of schools under the Army's training scheme is said to be the chief reason for the expansion.

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UNWELCOME—Admiral Alberto Lais, Italian naval attaché in Washington, whose recall has been requested by State Department, at insistence of President Roosevelt. Note states he is persona non grata because of connection with unlawful acts—presumably ship sabotage.

GERMANS ADMIRE BRITONS

German people are openly expressing their admiration at the way Britons stand up to mass air raids.

This was stated in New York by Edwin Shanke, American newspaper correspondent who has returned from the German capital.

"Germans are amazed," he said. "They openly expressed their admiration.

"They had always respected the British for their toughness and for the bulldog spirit in them.

Name is Mud

"They never underestimated the Englishman—but they expected him to crack under the horror of aerial bombardment."

—British scored a major point when the R.A.F. started raids on Berlin last August, Shanke wrote.

Berliners were reminded of Göring's boast that his name would be "schmutz" (mud). If a single British plane broke through the Reich capital's defences,

The raids on Berlin have not inflicted widespread physical damage, but their value lies in the extent to which they affect the efficiency of German war workers.

German propaganda itself is making the average man consider two new factors.

Still Confident

One is the continued British resistance; the other, United States aid to Britain.

There is still no sign of the German people in general losing their confidence in ultimate victory.

Their morale appears to be unshaken, but, Shanke points out, this is natural.

They had one success after another. Hitler has the upper hand on the European Continent.

The delay in the promised invasion of England—if this is a delay and not part of the programme—would be the first change in the war schedule.

Internment In Canada

OTTAWA, May 4 (UPI).—Canada has 2,870 men and women behind the barbed wire of internment camps. Justice Minister Ernest Lapointe revealed in the Dominion House of Commons.

The total includes German and Italian nationals and members of communistic and other groups which the government believes are prejudicial to the safety of the state, he explained. Lapointe refused to reveal the number of internees in each category.

Eight hundred and sixty men and 10 women had been interned under section 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations, he said. This section deprives those arrested of right of appeal and other legal recourse, including the *habeas corpus* writ.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Industrials Featured LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quiet but generally cheerful with selective buying.

Industrials were the chief feature, Courtaulds and Dunlops making further progress.

Oils displayed some late activity, closing firmer, especially Anglo-Canadian stocks.

Gold-edged were firmly held with sales of one-sixteenth troy com mon. Railings were quietly firm. De-

livery was quiet.

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CHURCH NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (GARDEN ROAD)

Annual Meeting of Diocesan Missionary Association

8 a.m., Holy Communion and in the Peak Church.
11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon. Preacher Rev. G. P. Rose.
12.30 p.m., Evening and Sermon Preacher, Rev. C. Strong (H.N.). There will be the usual Sunday evening social after the Evening Service.
Holy Communion will be celebrated.
10 a.m., Thursday; 7.45 a.m., Friday (In Cantonese). Notice for the Week.
Badminton on Monday 8 p.m.
Annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association on Monday 19 at 8.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Tea at 4.25 p.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (218, NATHAN ROAD)

Sunday, May 11.—11 a.m., Morning Worship followed by Communion. Preacher: Rev. John F. Steiner. Subject: "We are My Witnesses." 3 p.m., Sunday School; 3 p.m., Bible Class; Classes for Young People; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer.
Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Ansell Nance, 7.30 p.m., Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier Darby and party. "Gospel Message" following. Speaker: Brigadier Subject: "Why Trouble Ye the Master?"

Monday—7.30 p.m., Soldiers and Airmen's Christian Association.

Tuesday—7.30 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 9 a.m., Hill Wood Road, Teacher Mrs. Lochmore. Cliff Study: "Book of Zechariah"; 3 p.m., Meeting for Amahs at 9 a.m., Hill Wood Road; 7.30 p.m., Young People's Club.

Wednesday—2.30 p.m., Women's Sewing Club at 7.30, Nathan Road; 8 p.m., Midweek Praise and Prayer Meeting. Subject: "How and What to Do in Time of War." Thursday—7.30 p.m., Child Advisory Hour at 9 a.m., Hill Wood Road; 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting at 9 a.m., Hill Wood Road.

Monday and Friday Bible Study Classes as usual.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. H. A. Wittenbach To Preach at Mattins

Sunday, May 11, 4th Sunday after Easter. Services in English—7.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 9 a.m., Mattins & Sermon. Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, acting Vicar of St. Andrews. 11 a.m., Duke St. Services; 3 p.m., Mandarin—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Service; 4 p.m., Week-day Service and Notices.

Wednesday, May 14.—Wolf Cub meet at 4.30 p.m. at Embankment Road.

Thursday—Morning Service at 7 a.m., Guild of Martha and Mary, meeting in the Vicarage at 10 a.m., Choir Practice at 8 p.m. in the Church.

Friday—8 a.m., Church Council meets at 8 p.m. in the Vicarage.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Rev. W. G. B. Ream to Conduct Morning Service

Services on Sunday, May 11, Preachers—Morning, Rev. W. G. B. Ream M.A.; Evening, Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Team M.A.; Intermediate Service at 10.15 a.m.—Hymns at 10.15 a.m.; Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymns at 12.45 p.m.

Notices for the Week.

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed.

Wednesday—7.30 p.m., Badminton Club at the S. & S. Home.

Tuesday at 8.30 p.m., Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Services 6 p.m.

Preacher at both services, Rev. K. McKenzie Dow.

LOST IN APRIL

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that British shipping losses in April were 106 ships of 488,124 tons.

Duties On Toilet Requisites

The rates of duty on toilet preparations were published in to-day's "Government Gazette" and are as follows:

On any quantity for retail, at a price (excluding the duty) not exceeding 10 cents—no cent duty; over 10 cents and not exceeding 20 cents—two cents; over 20 cents and not exceeding 50 cents—five cents; over 50 cents and not exceeding \$1—10 cents; over \$1 and not exceeding \$1.50—15 cents; over \$1.50 and not exceeding \$2—20 cents; and, in addition, for every dollar or fraction of a dollar by which the retail price exceeds \$2—10 cents.

Toilet preparations, means, any substance commonly used for the toilet and includes toilet soap; shaving soap and cream; tooth paste or powder and liquid preparations for dental purposes or mouth washes; perfumed spirits; toilet paste or powder; toilet cream; hair dye-scented sachets; lipstick, rouge and grease paint; preparations for use in manicure and chiropody; preparations, whether medicinal or not, for use on the hair, face and body; bath salts and essences; smelling salts; prepared Fuller's earth, but does not include any substance made and sold under a name or synonym specified in the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex.

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Appointments

And Personnel

Second Lieutenant G. A. L. Plumbe has been allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from April 27.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy has been appointed a member of the Compulsory Service Tribunal during the absence of Mr. C. Blacker.

The following have been appointed members of the Court of the University of Hongkong: Dr. G. D. R. Black for a further period of three years with effect from April 28; Dr. H. Balen, the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., Mr. S. T. Williamson, and Mr. James Chang Ling-wong, for three years with effect from April 1.

Mr. V. C. Branson resumed duty as Government Chemist on April 27, 1941.

His Excellency the Governor has approved the relinquishment by Acting Lieutenant G. J. P. Carey of his commission in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force as from April 29.

Food Prices Announced

The maximum prices for the following articles of food have been fixed by the Controller of Food, Mr. D. Newbigging, as follows:

Argentine Tinned Beef—1 lb tins—\$1.50 per tin; "Cap" brisket beef, 4 lb tins—\$3.12 per tin; "Cap" Corned beef, 12 oz tins—54 cents per tin; "Cap" corned beef, 6 lb tins—\$4.20 per tin; "Cap" roast beef, 12 oz tins—57 cents per tin.

Rolled Oats and Oatmeals—Three Bears, bags of 90 lbs—\$18.35 per bag; Three Bears, 21 cents per lb.

Forms of nomination may be obtained at the Magistracy, Hongkong.

Every nomination must be delivered to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, First Police Magistrate, not less than six clear days before the day fixed for the election.

The only persons entitled to vote at the election are the unofficial Justices of the Peace.

Voting will commence at 4 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. when the ballot-box will be closed.

Army Actors Aid Theatre

The Army—off-duty—has gone all theatrical. Soldiers spend their spare time—and for a series of all-Army shows in aid of professional theatricals hit the blitz.

It is the Army's way of re-paying the stage for all they have done for them since war began.

Behind the scheme is Lady Gordon-Finlayson, wife of the G.O.C. Western Command.

Hot Rhythm Band

She has written to Army concert organisers in the command asking them to put on public performances to raise funds for the hard-hit-by-the-war theatre folk.

First of these shows—"Ack-Ack Parade," written and produced by a twenty-four-year-old bombardier—will be presented at a North Wales seaside resort.

The men—gunners, bombardiers and sergeants in the Royal Artillery, who have been lent a large theatre—are doing their own advertising and have made their own costumes. They have formed a complete and first-class hot rhythm band.

Japan Flag Burned By Koreans

A small Japanese flag was burned before the Los Angeles Japanese Consulate by the Korean colony in a demonstration for Korean independence recently.

Police made no attempt to interfere.

Once A Year

Members of the Japanese Consulate said they did not witness the flag-burning episode and added they would ignore it as a "routine demonstration that happens once a year."

The Koreans, some 2,000 in native costume, marched before the consulate building, carrying banners denouncing Japan and shouting "Down with the Axis powers," "Korean independence," "Japan calls United States snake," and similar remarks.

Vichy Wheat Supply

Conditions Laid Down

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuters).—The United States Government has agreed provisionally to allow France to buy two shiploads of wheat monthly for the unoccupied zone of Vichy, M. Henri Haye, French Ambassador, declared to-day.

M. Haye said that France would pay with funds frozen in America. Mr. Sumner Welles, the United States Under-Secretary of State, had told him that the arrangement would continue "providing the general situation does not change."

This is taken to mean here that the plan largely depends on political developments in France, particularly to the extent of any Franco-German "collaboration."

A election by the Justices of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years, in place of Mr. G. S. Archibald, whose term of office expires on May 10, will take place in the Council Chamber of the Urban Council on Wednesday, May 28, commencing at 4 p.m.

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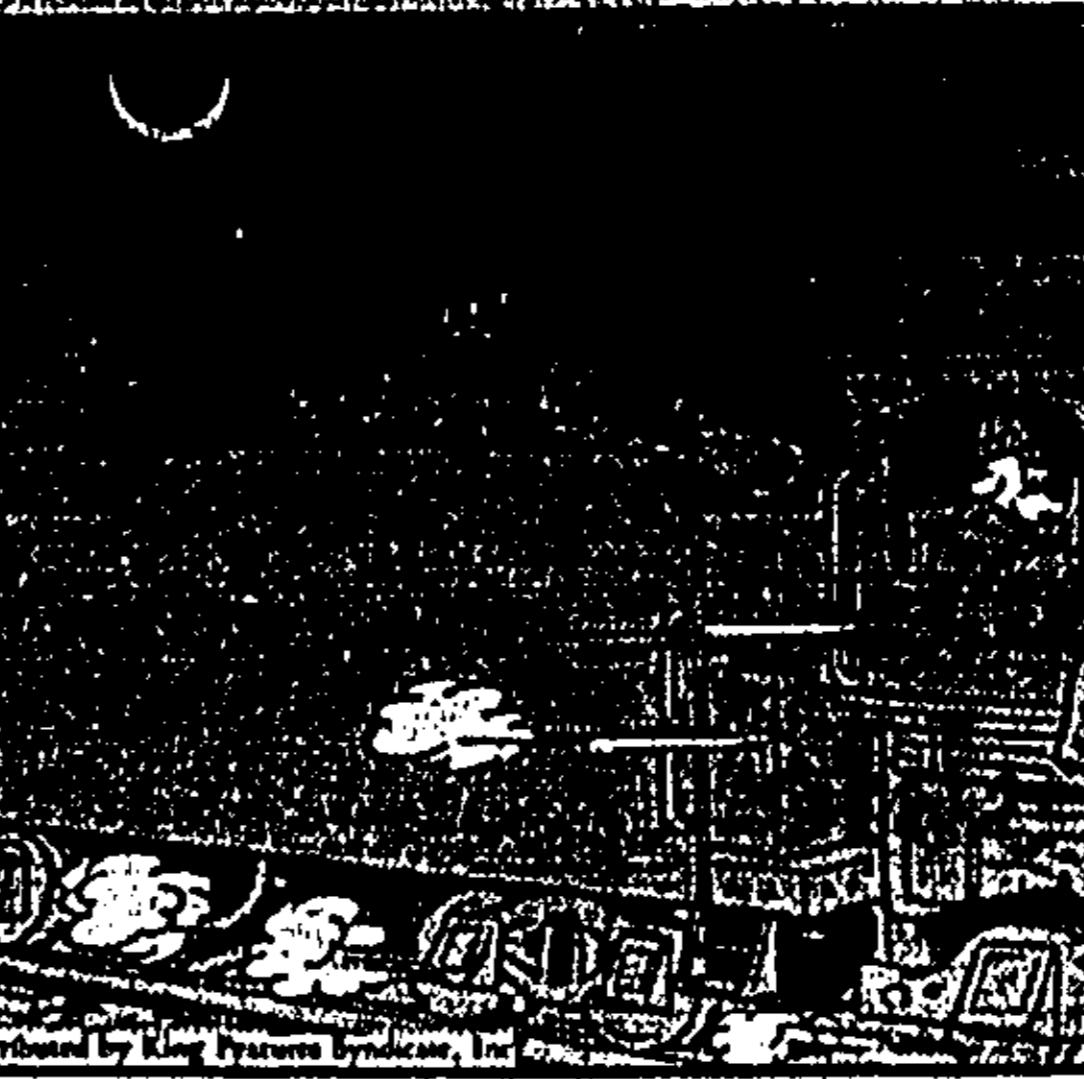
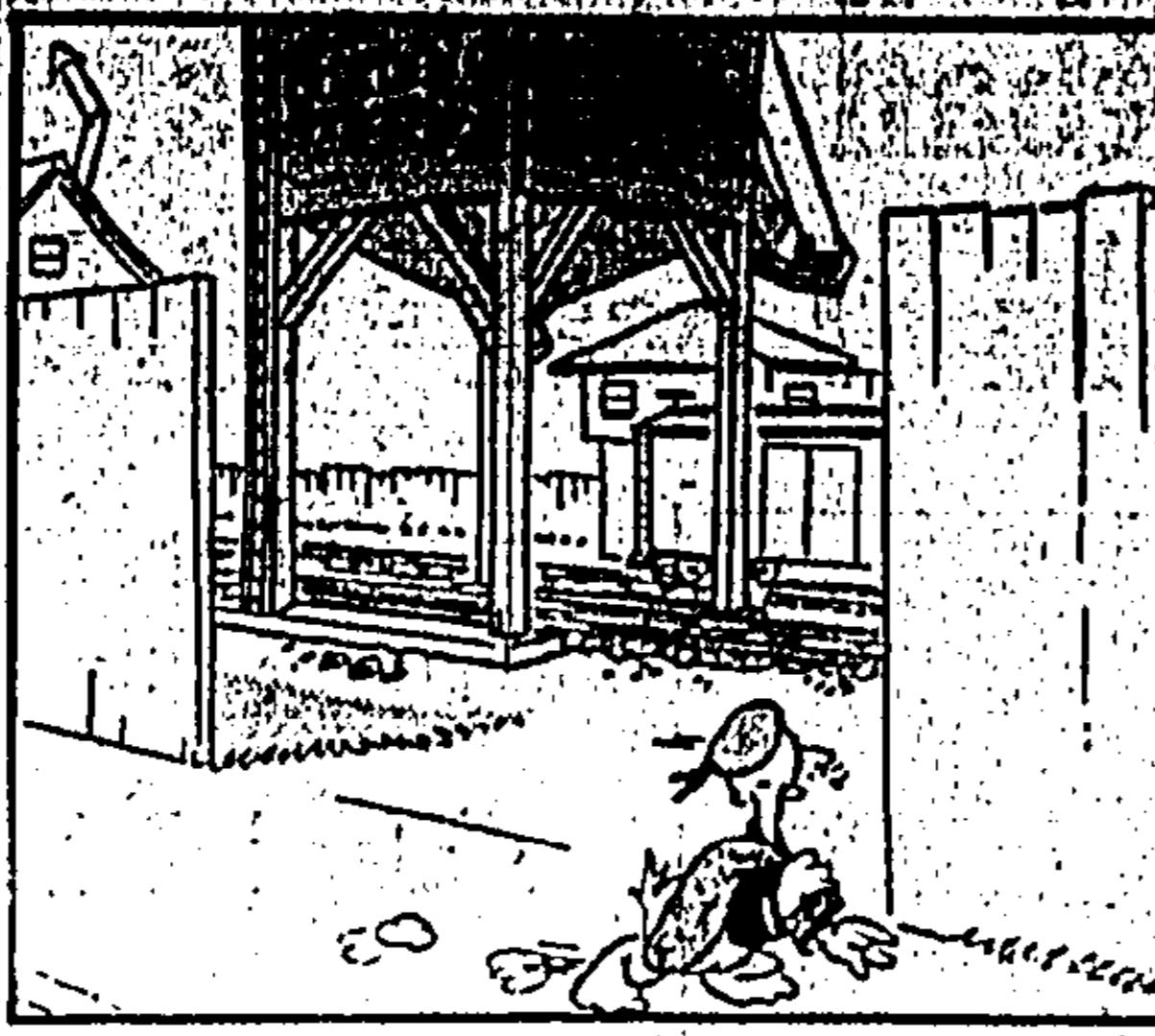
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SPANISH-GERMAN INTERCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS

MADRID, May 9 (Reuters).—The question of an interchange of Spanish and German technicians and specialists was discussed during a visit to Germany of Senor Salvador Merino of the National Delegation of Syndicates, who arrived back in Barcelona

DONALD DUCK



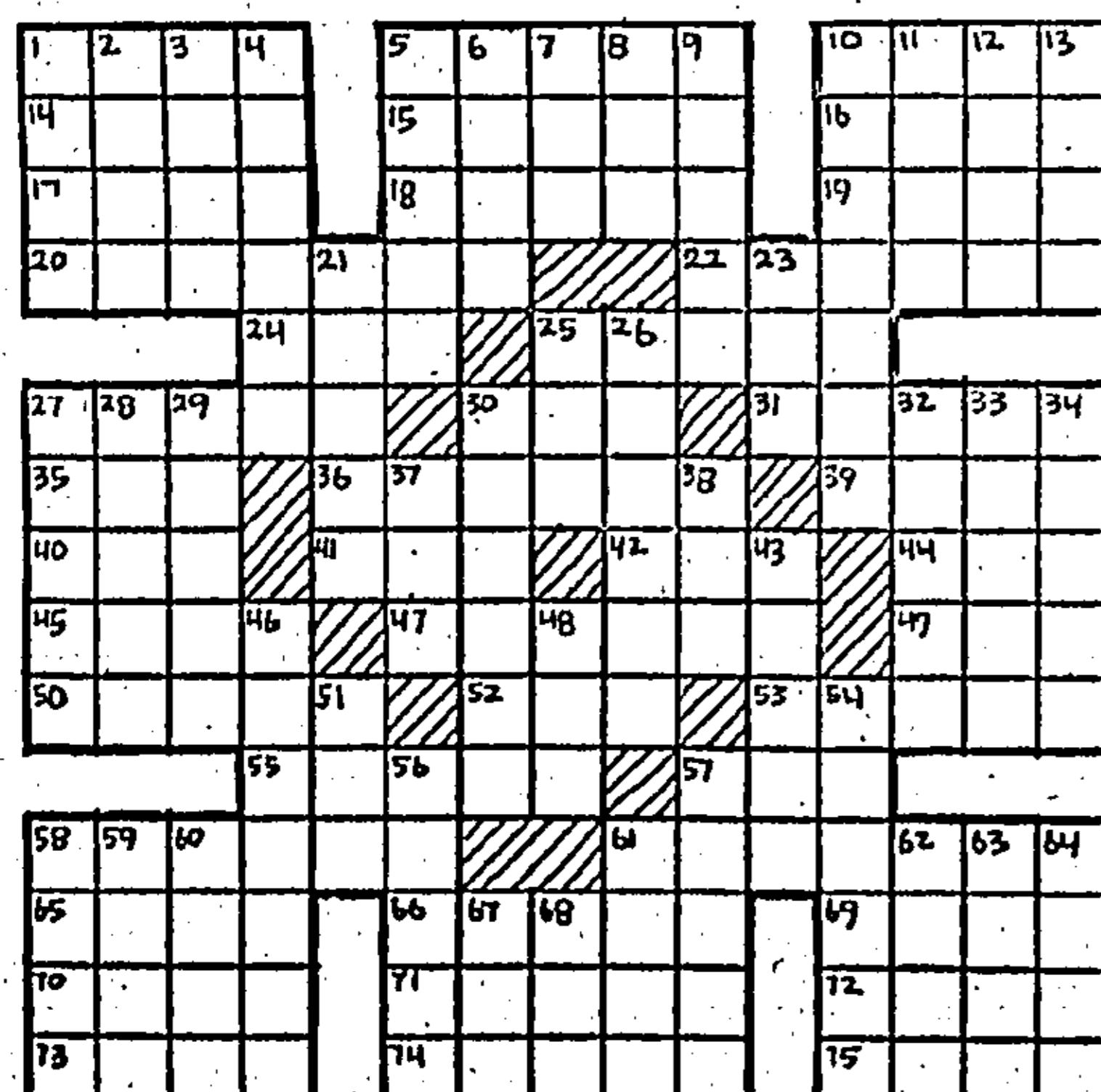
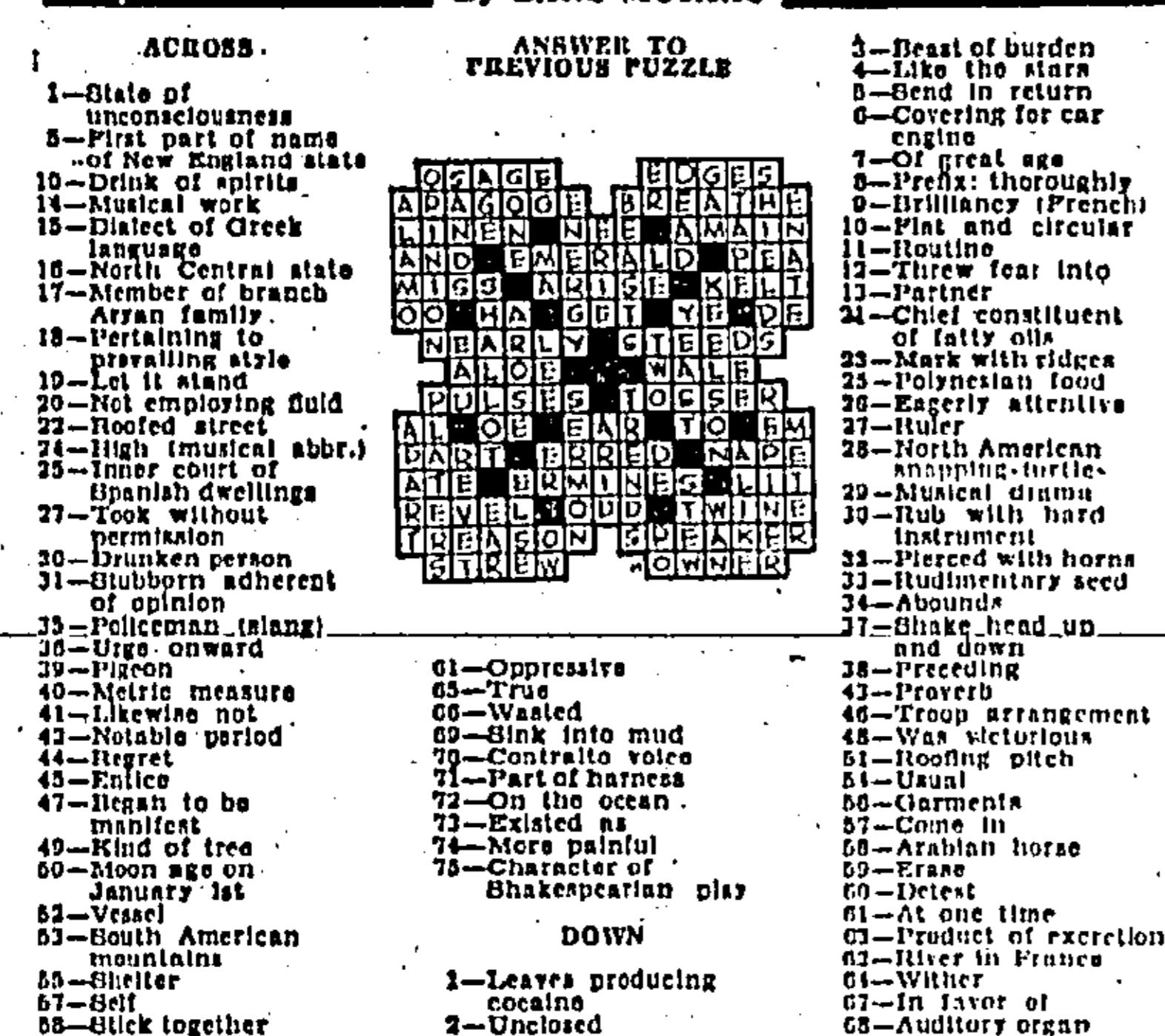
GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS



A. BROKEN DOWN SYSTEM. This is a condition (or disease) to which many names are given but few really understand. It is simply weakness—a break down as it were, of the body, so that the system does not matter what may be its causes (there are almost numberless), its symptoms are much the same: the more prominent being sleeplessness, nervousness, loss of appetite, loss of weight, loss of spirits and want of energy for all the ordinary affairs of life. Now, what alone is essential in all such cases is increased vitality of the organs, vital strength, and to those of the mind, courage, feelings, and an effort to succeed the day this may be more certainly secured by a course of **THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY, THERAPION NO. 3** than by any other known combination. So surely as it is taken in accordance with the printed directions will the shattered health be restored.

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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES**League Gets Off To Good Start****New System of Scoring Seems More Equitable****B. Basto's Rare Achievement**

THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE went off to a good start last week when a full programme of matches (five in the First Division and four each in the Second and Third) was played. There was nothing very startling in the day's scoring except for one seven by Bob Duncan's rink and several sixes.

It is interesting to note that in spite of his seven, Duncan was beaten by B. Basto 22-24. While I am not strong on bowls statistics, I think Basto's "achievement" is rather rare; at least, I do not recall any instance of a skip losing a seven in the course of a League game and then finishing up on the winning end.

Perhaps some of my readers have known of such occurrences—in which case I would welcome knowledge of them.

It is yet far too early to know how the new system of scoring will affect the championships, but last week's results indicate that the present arrangement is certainly more equitable than the old.

For instance, although both the Kowloon F.C. and the Hongkong C.C. were up on two rinks in their matches against Hongkong F.C. and Recreio respectively in the Third Division, they were beaten on aggregate.

Under the old system, neither the K.F.C. nor the H.K.C.C. would have had a point whereas their opponents would have been credited with two each. But under the new arrangement, the H.K.F.C. and Recreio have three points each and the K.F.C. and H.K.C.C. two each.

Therefore, in order to obtain maximum points, it is not sufficient to win on aggregate; a team must win on all three rinks.

The system is simple enough, but I was rather surprised, last week to find that many League players had not yet understood it. It is this:

Two points for an aggregate win (i.e. the total number of shots).

One point for each rink win. The maximum number of points, therefore, for each match is five, and victories must be registered by all three rinks to claim them.

UNDoubtedly the match of the week was that between Recreio "A" and Craigenhower at King's Park. The meetings of these old rivals are always worth watching, for they generally produce play of a high standard, and last week's game, though played at the beginning of the season was no exception.

Frankly, I had expected Recreio "A" to win by more than the one shot they did. And the result might

Programme Of To-day's Matches

THE LEAGUE SCHEDULE for this afternoon is as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio "A"
K.C.C. v. K. Docks
Police v. C.S.C.C.
Recreio "B" v. Indian R.C.
K.B.G.C. "A" v. K.B.G.C. "B"

SECOND DIVISION

K. Tong v. Recreio
Prison O.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
H.K.C.C. v. C.C.C.
Taikoo v. Kowloon F.C.

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon F.C. v. C.C.C.
Indian R.C. v. H.K.F.C.
Recreio v. Police
Electric v. H.K.C.C.

were sufficient to give the Indians victory by 12 shots, although Shepherd was 11 ahead of A. K. Minu at the finish.

JOCK McKELVIE's 23-22 victory over J. J. Basto prevented Recreio "B" from making a clean sweep in their match against Kowloon B.G.C. "B" at Austin Road.

At Hung Hom, however, Kowloon B.G.C. "A" had no difficulty in beating Kowloon Docks though J. Kempster's win over G. H. Sheriff gave the Docks one point.

EXCEPT for the nine-shot margin between J. F. MacGowan and E. C. Fincher, the encounter between Civil Service C. C. and Kowloon C.C. at Happy Valley was a very close affair.

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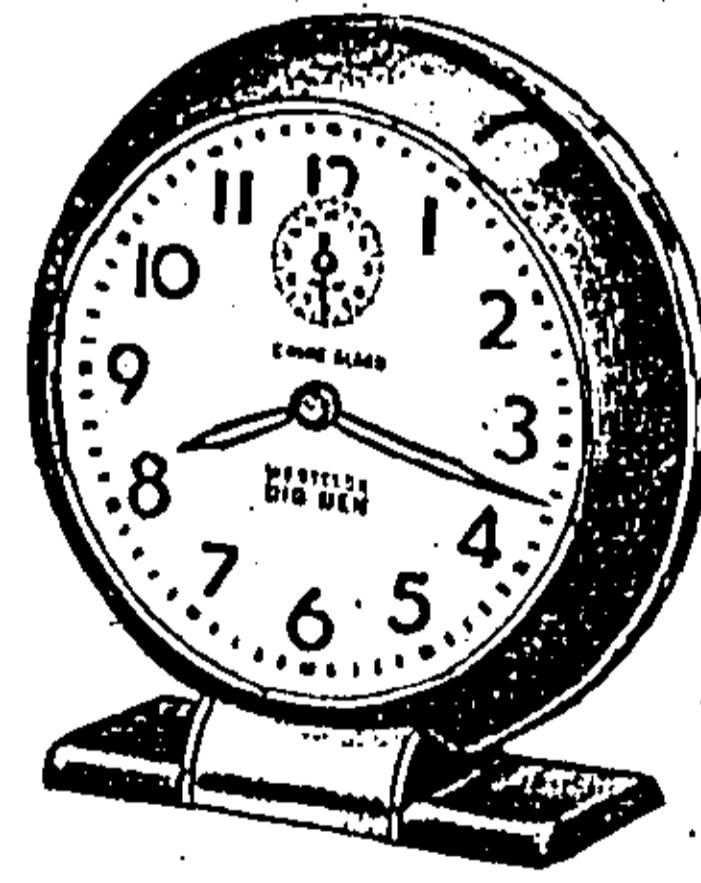
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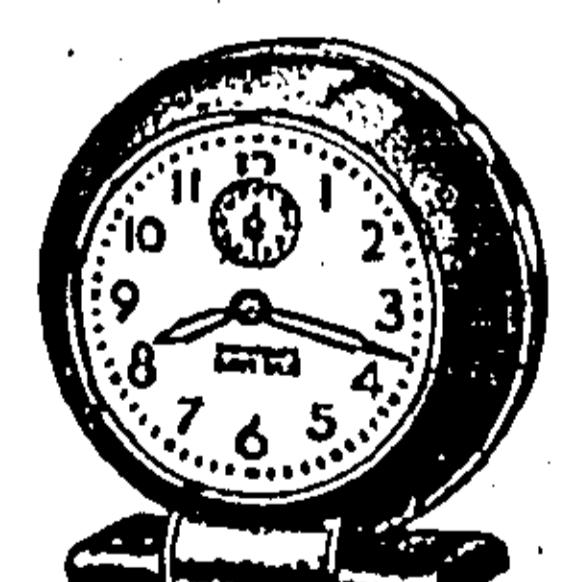
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Ratcliffe (Sappers) connecting with a hefty hit to left field in the opening baseball match against the Canadians at Caroline Hill last Saturday. Gashouse Oliver is behind the mask with Dave Walker calling the decisions.—Ming Yuen.

Czechoslovakian Skating Star Has 2,500 Suitors

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois, Apr. 29.—No less than 2,500 Americans want to help pretty Vera Iribar, the Czechoslovak skating star, to avoid deportation, by marrying her. That many proposals, Miss Iribar said, were received after her plight was publicised in the press. She is threatened with deportation because her passport as an entertainer has expired. She said she would rather "die than return to Europe."

were sufficient to give the Indians victory by 12 shots, although Shepherd was 11 ahead of A. K. Minu at the finish.

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"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

CHAMPION HURDLER.—O. Flinn, of Olympia Games fame, is now a leader of a fighter squadron which has destroyed more than 100 enemy aircraft. He recently took over a new Spitfire provided by the Observer Corps and in each of his first three flights brought down a Messerschmitt.

Lou Ambers Hangs Up His Gloves

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Lou Ambers has followed "Hammerin" Henry Armstrong into retirement. Beaten for the second time by Lew Jenkins, the "skinny kid from Texas with sage brush for hair and rocks in his hands," as one American sports writer described him, Ambers has gone back to his laundry shop in Herkimer, New York.

From now on he will concentrate on bringing up his young son, Anthony, to follow in his footsteps as a boxer.

Like Armstrong, Ambers went out of the fight game in a blaze of glory. Trying to "come back" as a welterweight, he found the deadly punches of Jenkins too much for him after putting up a thrilling show for six rounds, but he was still gamely trying to carry on when Arthur Donovan, heading the frantic cries of Ambers' manager, Ali Welli, to "stop it," mercifully stepped in and ended things.

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End of the Road

WITH Armstrong, once holder of three world titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—simultaneously, it was his eyes, badly battered from years of ring campaigning, that forced him to retire. With Ambers it was his legs. They just got tired from years of carrying Ambers around boxing rings, and simply refused to function any longer.

Ambers accepted his defeat and his exit from boxing as sportingly as he has fought all his fights. He did not talk about trying to fight again, for he realised that every boxer must come to the end of the road and that his time for this had arrived.

Well, who feels for Ambers the affection he would feel for a son, declared that Lou would "never fight again if I have anything to do with it."

Ambers is well off, financially, as

happily married and his senses are

still clear. He can look forward to

many years of happiness.

Softball Attains Major Place In Local Girls' Sports**Selecting An All-Star Team For 1940/41 Season****Useful Pointers On Play**

(By "Ball Fan")

BLITZKRIEGING across another highly successful ball-playing horizon, softball in Hongkong, to-day, is a women's major pastime in the realm of big time sport. In the short space of three years since the Colony's initial ladies' game at the Filipino Club introduced this sport to Hongkongites, its popularity in a recreative sense has taken the athletic minded members of the feminine set by storm, and very few, if any, other athletic activities can claim, locally, to have more active competitors from the weaker sex.

To the females, this game is an ideal form of healthful exercise as the throwing distances are not too great for the average girl to master while the danger of injury is small. The rules and general technique are simple enough to be quickly learned.

From a purely educational point of view softball has its standout benefits as an active sport for girls and ladies, in that it gradually brings about the ability to think quickly, to co-ordinate thought and action, to exercise good judgment and a certain faculty in finding out, in advance, the thoughts and actions of others.

Not the least of the advantages of the game are the development of loyalty and self confidence, as well as a sense of responsibility and good sportsmanship.

Although many promising rookies have made their appearance on softball's glittering horizon this year, veteran players who have held down major positions since the start of local organized girls' ball continue to dominate the spotlight and have shown tremendous improvement.

The two new teams, Chung Hwa Maroons and Las Florinora belles, in their debut this season showed promise of returning next year with the same fight and enthusiasm, but with better balance and as more serious threats to other teams.

The year has brought out yet another batch of outstanding rookies who in the not too far distant will fall in line alongside names that have glittered in women's softball circles since the inception of this game here.

Cardinal starlets, Betty Fitzgerald and Alice Tsang, Little Panther "pink bottle" Marques, Wahoo Coco Yolle, Chung Hwa Maroonettes Nellie Lee and Lily Liu all came under the "worthy comment" theme as new born stars of the year.

Twilight Girls' newly incorporated team also come in for their share of new found stars and in youngsters Margery Woo, Rosita Lau, Jenny Wong and Cheo Yuen-ching have a rookie quartet who will be standout stars in future days.

PICKING an all-star team here in the Colony has its difficult proportions to surmount, in that "mythical beasts" are always chosen from the positions they've played in all year, and in this respect most teams in our girls' loop, appear to place the "what's left" on their respective teams in the outfield, with the result that the outfield spots generally harbour the "real weak" on each team. However here goes.

The Premier battery combination on our mythical all Hongkong team would probably find Rosita Bagalavas, Cardinal hindatching firebrand, teaming up with Maple Leaf hurler, Mary Ng.

Card star Rosita plays at the hindatching spot like a veteran, displays real ability, complete confidence and is a peppery fireball in her every move. With this star Redbird catcher playing regularly, Dixie Walker's cuties would be real serious contenders for the pennant.

The deceptive hurling of Mary Ng has kept the Maple Leaf's right in the thick of the pennant fight all year long and her smoky intrigue balls have foozled many a young starlet out there on the diamond this year.

A dream infield and as safe an inner defense as this Colony could provide with a maximum thought to all-round talent would find the

Tsui Brothers Regain Doubles Tennis Title

Inconsistency Features Final Match of 1941 Tournament

(By "Tinker")

IT COULD HARDLY be said that the 1941 Colony Tennis Tournament closed in any blaze of glory when the Doubles final was played at the Stand Court yesterday. There was an inconsistency about the play that hardly elevated it in standard above that of the First Division of the League.

The Tsui brothers regained the title they lost last year and beat the Rumjahn cousins in four sets by 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

The outstanding figure of the four was probably Tsui Yun-pui, the Singles Champion, though this view may be influenced by a final reflection on the match, for during the last three games he rose to the heights and captured the crowd's fancy.

Over the opening set there was so great a cautiousness that hardly more than a ripple of applause came from the spectators. The defending champions were far from strong overhead, and, though steady, were some distance removed from being dangerous at the net.

In comparison, the Tsius, though committing far more errors than one would expect, were far the more impressive in volleying. They too seemed to have left many of their forcing shots at home, and were content to patiently wait for errors on the other side of the net.

The lack of a good angled volley was a glaring weakness of the Rumjahns. Sirdar brought off one or two finishing cross-court shots but in the main they relied more on their steadiness than anything else.

It was this that carried them through the third set. The Tsius taking the more risks, having two sets in hand, committed the more errors, but the Rumjahns' win was popular one for they never gave up trying for shots.

First Set

FOR the first eight games of the first set, the side with the service won. On the 9th, however, the Tsius broke through ILD's service to lead 5-4. Surprisingly, on the run of play, the Rumjahns came back equally strong in the 10th game and took it on Yun-pui's service.

Sirdar failed to hold the advantage with his service and once again the Tsius led—this time 6-5. On Wai-pui's service deuce was called twice before the Chinese claimed the game and set.

Still Cautious

CAUTIOUSNESS was still apparent throughout the second set. On the Rumjahns' part, possibly because they wished to reserve something for a long struggle, and on the Tsius' part, probably because they did not wish to repeat last year's mistakes.

The Tsius led 2-1, and for the 4th game Wai-pui had to serve for eight deuces before they could claim that game to lead 3-1. Then on to 4-1, 5-2 and 5-2, and though the Rumjahns challenged in the final game they could not stay the champions.

Steadiness Pays

STEADINESS in the third set was paying for the Indians. They snatched a 3-0 lead, though from leading 40-15 in the third game deuce was called five times before they won.

Then in a great recovery, the Tsius drew up to 3-1, but against the wall-like front of the Rumjahns, their shots returned over the net with unfailing regularity. In all the Tsius won three points in the last three games.

The Final Set

IT seemed that the Rumjahns were going to further heights when they opened the fourth set with a 2-0 lead. This they increased to 3-1, but at this period Yun-pui was showing a revival and with excellent support from his brother stormed the net on every possible occasion and drew up to 3-1.

On Wai-pui's service the Rumjahns took a 4-3 lead, but that was the end. It was the Tsius turn, especially Yun-pui, to take the limelight. They held their opponents down and lost only three points over the final three games.

Hayashi Shot and Wounded

Hayashi shot and wounded Mr Keswick, Chairman of the Municipal Council, and Mr Isaku Okamoto, Japanese member of the Council, at the extraordinary ratepayers' meeting to vote on the proposed 40 per cent. increase in the municipal rates. —Done.

All-Schools And Open Athletic Meet At Caroline Hill

Sponsored By S.C.A.A.

THE FIRST DAY of the All-Schools and Open Athletic Meeting sponsored by the South China Athletic Association was held at Caroline Hill yesterday. Only one running event was held, the remainder being field events, and Pte. Manson (R. Scots) won the 800 metres in 2 mins 11.2 secs. Yesterday's results were:

Open Events
300 metres—1, Pte. Manson, 2, Lai Pun-yuen, 3, Col. Sutcliffe, 4, Tim. 2.11.2.
Long Jump—1, Tam. Ho-keung, 2, S. S. Shing, 3, Lai, 4, Chin-ki. Distance 6.00 metres.

Boys' Events

High Jump (Grade A)—1, Lung Kai-hui (Ling Nam Red); 2, Yung Koon-kwan (Ling Nam Red); 3, Fung Chi-hung (Wah Yan), Height 1.83 metres, Grade B—1, Wan Kai-hing (Wah Yan); 2, Luk Chung-hung (Ling Nam Grey); 3, Luk-sam (St. Paul's), Height 1.6 metres.

Long Jump (Grade B)—1, Wan Kai-hing (Wah Yan); 2, Lau Hok-chi (Ling Nam Red); 3, Luk Man-chuen (Ling Grey), Distance 5.50 metres, Grade A—1, Chan Kwok-hung (Ling Nam Red); 2, Leung Tin-shan (Ling Nam Red); 3, Wong Siu-ki (Ling Nam Red), Distance 8.00 metres.

Shot put (Grade A)—1, Chan Shui-pui (Ling Nam Grey), Distance 10.07 metres, 2, Ma Ho-keung (Ling Nam Grey); 3, Cheung Yiu-pui (Ling Nam Grey); 4, Chi-chu (Ling Nam Grey), Distance 9.94 metres.

Distance Throw—1, Ng Wa-kwong (Ling Nam Red); 2, Chan Shui-pui (Ling Nam Red); 3, Mak Ho-yuen (Pui Yung), Distance 20.85 metres.

Girls' Events

High Jump (Grade A)—1, Yvonne Yolé (French Convent); 2, Yip Mo-ching (French Convent); 3, A. Current (French Convent), Height 1.31 metres.

Shot put (Grade A)—1, Cheung Chin-fai (Nam Sheung); 2, Chan Bui-ling (Ling Nam Grey); 3, Cheung Yiu-pui (Ling Nam Grey); 4, Ma Ho-keung (Ling Nam Grey), Distance 4.00 metres.

Discus Throw—1, Ng Wa-kwong (Ling Nam Red); 2, Chan Shui-pui (Ling Nam Red); 3, Mak Ho-yuen (Pui Yung), Distance 20.85 metres.

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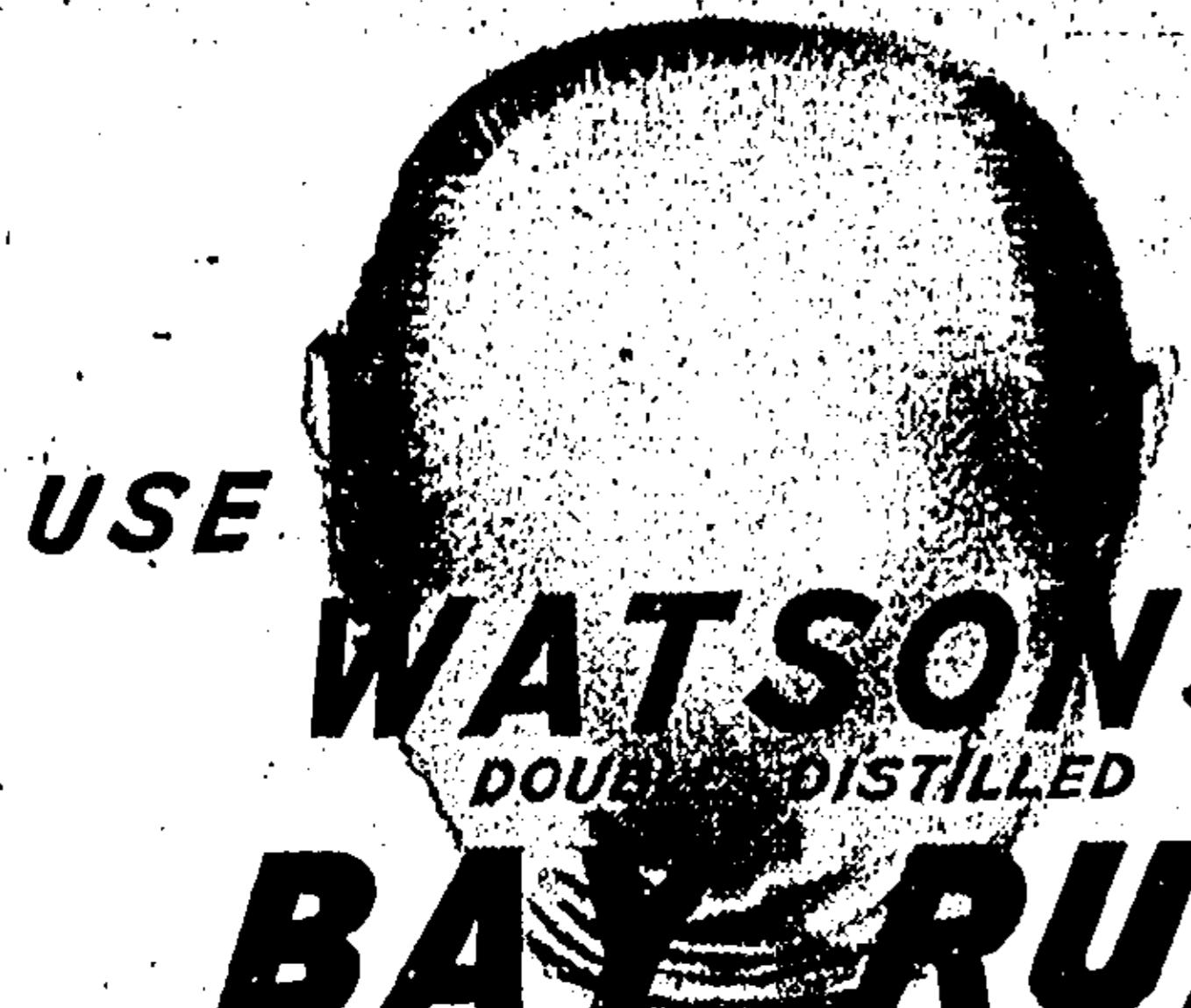
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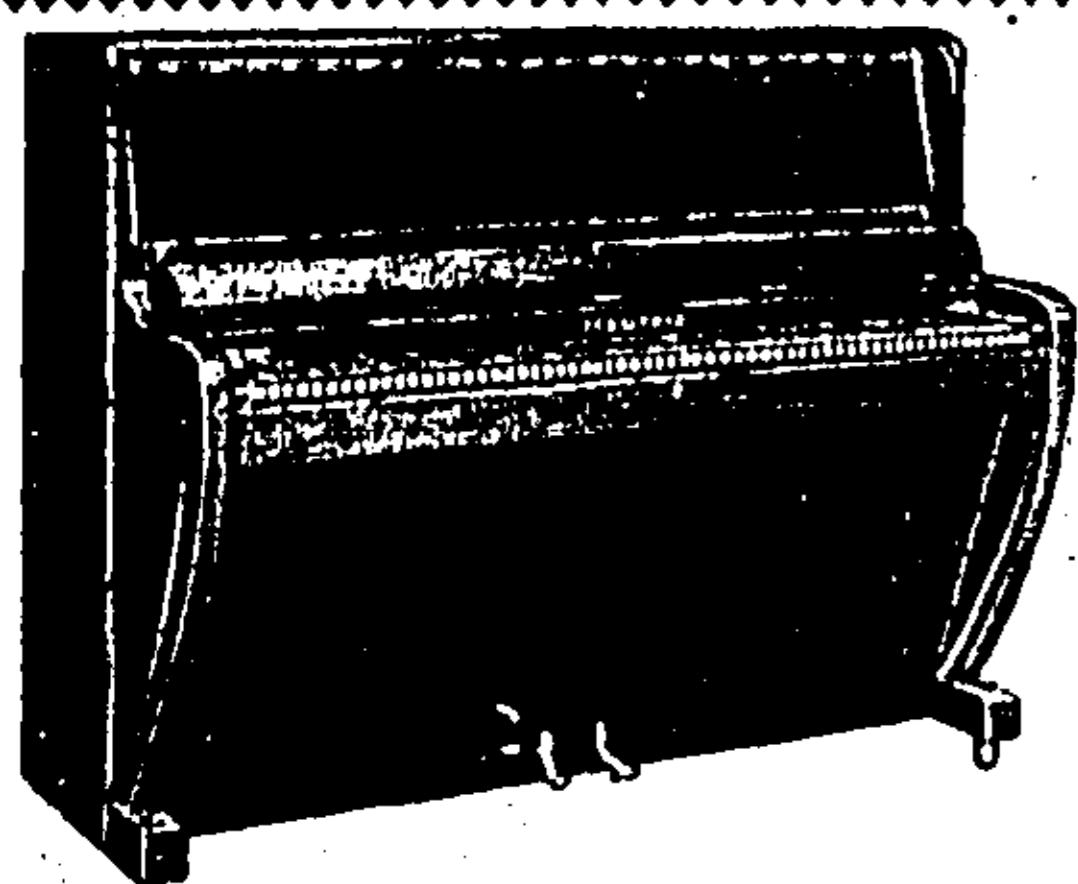


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THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE BELLows

ONCE upon a time the popular query was "Are you a Froth-blower?" To-day the brotherhood of the froth-blowers is almost extinct, but there has arisen a new order, the Fellowship of the Bellows, which has as its objective the raising of money to purchase additional aircraft for Britain. The cause is worthy enough to make any person feel shame-faced if he or she has to be branded a "Snuff" instead of a "Whiff."

The movement known as the Fellowship of the Bellows is both enterprising and imaginative; it asks for very little—the promise to pay one cent for every enemy plane brought down—yet its total contributions may easily run into millions of pounds. Its success in any one place depends upon the support accorded by the general public. In Hongkong, it is encouraging to learn, more than 1,000 Fellows have already been enrolled, promising a substantial contribution to the Bomber Fund for the month of April.

The local organisers of the movement have done excellent work to date. Badges and booklets have already been distributed to hundreds of members and there are ample stocks. Business houses can do a lot to forward this effort by each one appointing an organiser to canvass the staff. Hongkong should aim for a membership of 10,000.

The booklet to which every member is entitled, is a sheer delight. Here are some of its highlights: "There are only two kinds of people in the world—Fellows and Snuffs. All non-Fellows are Snuffs. Have you ever seen a cross-eyed toad with athlete's foot? Snuffs are infinitely worse than that! Even toads can blow themselves up. Snuffs can't! If you pay one cent for every enemy plane brought down since the beginning of the month in which you become a Fellow, you will be promoted to the following scale: when 1,000 planes are down and you have paid \$10 you will become a Puff; when 2,000 planes are down and you have paid \$20 you will become a Gust; when 5,000 planes are down and you have paid \$50 you will become a Hurricane; when 10,000 planes are down and you have paid \$100 you will receive the Order of the Bellows."

Describing the salutes of the Fellows, the booklet says that the

80,000 PLANES FOR BRITAIN AND U.S.

By Sandor S. Klein

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, May 9. (UP)—Defence officials are working on schedules envisaging production of 80,000 planes for the United States and Great Britain by the summer of 1943, including the 33,000 now on order.

This Plane Is Hitler's Headache

By LOUIS MANSFIELD

The world's largest bomber-troop-carrier—it can take 125 fully-equipped soldiers 7,500 miles without refuelling—will shortly be in production in the United States.

It may therefore be available for Great Britain.

It is the monster B 19 Douglas Bomber, which has already been nicknamed "Hitler's Headache." Figures just disclosed show that it is more than twice the size of the famous Whitley, Britain's biggest, having a wing-span of 212 feet and an overall length of 122 feet.

Carrying a crew of ten, with sleeping accommodation for eight of them—and weighing 80 tons fully loaded, it carries a "war load" of 28 tons—18 tons of bombs and 10 tons of armaments, fuel, stores and undisclosed "etcetera."

8,000 Horse-Power

The B 19's amazing range of 7,500 miles, fully loaded, is accounted for by the fuel capacity of 11,000 gallons carried in the wingtips and fuselage.

It is powered by four Wright Duplex engines, each developing 2,000 horse power, which, at a service ceiling of 22,000 to 25,000 feet, gives it a disclosed speed of 200 to 250 miles per hour.

Five hundred engineers have been working for more than four years to bring this gigantic "Hitler's Headache" into production.

Heavily Armed

Naturally, the real test performance details of the "Hitler's Headache" are being kept a close secret, as is the armament, which, it is rumoured, is much heavier than that of any other bomber at present in operation or production.

It is stated that these armaments will enable the B 19 to fight off attacks from several fighters at once without any outside assistance.

The extent of the work which has to be put into the birth of a B 19 can be gauged from the fact that it contains more than ten miles of electric wiring, and just over 3,000,000 rivets are used to hold the metal sections together.

New Aeroplane Motor

Ford Product Ready

DETROIT, May 9 (UP)—A new type of Ford Aeroplane motor, weighing 1,900 pounds and generating more than one horsepower per pound, is nearly ready for the market.

C. W. Van Ranst, Ford experimental engineer, told the American Society of Tool Engineers here that mass production of the motors awaited only the completion of work on the super-charger system, and that the chief advantage of the motor was its increased bomb-carrying capacity.

The motor has 12 cylinders, V-type, and is liquid-cooled. The super-charger is driven with an exhaust turbine instead of being attached mechanically to the engine. There is a solid injection of fuel into the cylinder. The motor runs with the throttle wide open and speed adjustments are made by regulating pressure in the manifold, and through the pitch of the propeller blades.

It uses a new type piston, only half as long as its diameter, enabling it to dissipate heat more quickly.

Winant's Daughter Did Not Elope

Reports from Lima (Peru) that Miss Constance Winant, 20-years-old daughter of Mr. John Winant, newly appointed American Ambassador to Great Britain, had "eloped" with a 22-years-old Peruvian, Carlos Valdez, were denied by Mr. Winant.

The couple were married at Chincha, and Mr. Winant said that the marriage was not an elopement.

"If you pay one cent for every enemy plane brought down since the beginning of the month in which you become a Fellow, you will be promoted to the following scale:

"Index finger of the right hand should be gritted rapidly skyward in a series of Spitfire concretes. To avoid totalitarian competition, the arm should never be straight nor finish the salute too high. You will find the salute a cure for cold shoulders, and if repeated frequently enough, of great assistance in your elbow-raising."

There are a host of other enter-

taining features about the Fellowship of the Bellows, and we commend to Hongkong the final advice of the organiser: "Blow to it!"

DEFENCES OF OAHU STRONG

By HARRY W. FRANTZ

United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, May 9 (UP)—The defences of the island of Oahu, in the American territory of Hawaii, are regarded by some experts as equal to those of Britain's Gibraltar, which for a century has been regarded as a synonym for naval and military.

Major defence construction projects have been undertaken in Oahu, numerous outlying islands of the mid-Pacific, and the Aleutian Islands on the northern rim of the great ocean. These developments will have the cumulative effect not only of contributing to the air-and-naval defence of mid-Pacific fortress, but to the possible retention of Oahu for an extensive period even if the American Pacific Fleet should be shattered by an enemy power.

Military and naval experts are reported to have "explored" every contingency that might arise in the defence of the Hawaiian islands, major outlying bastion of West Coast defences, and to have second and third plans of action even in the event of serious early reverses in event of a possible war.

The tremendous and ever-expanding naval and military concentration at Pearl Harbour and elsewhere on the island of Oahu has caused some unofficial speculation whether United States defence plans have put "too many eggs in one basket." Well-informed military sources here report such a suggestion, and indicate that plans take into account the effective defence of all other islands of the Hawaiian area, the systematic harassment of any enemy fleet operations, and the "last ditch" defence of Oahu even in event of major reversals for the Pacific fleet.

Raw Materials

The view that Oahu's defences are at least equal to those of Gibraltar rests upon the fact that the strictly military defences of the island are supplemented by a land area large enough for the swift manoeuvring of large military forces and by conditions of surf, beach and coastal indentation which increase the odds against the effective organisation of enemy forces that might make a landing.

Aviation and other coastal defences are in process of development on other Hawaiian islands theoretically available for enemy landing, which would make an invasion attempt prohibitively costly to an enemy. The successful organisation of an enemy landing on Hawaii for example, according to one military expert, would entail an initial enemy loss of from 250,000 to 300,000 men. Even if the landing were effected, the enemy would still have an extremely difficult problem of maintaining communications and supply, since there would remain many points from which harassment operations could be conducted by air.

Other Aspects

The United Press is informed also that the defence could be maintained for a minimum of at least 75 days, even if the United States Pacific Fleet should be defeated and dispersed. This would be the time required for naval reinforcements from the Atlantic via Magellan Straits or Cape Horn. Such a long route and lengthy passage would be necessary only in the event that the Panama Canal were disrupted.

The defence plans take into account the problem of subsistence for the half million military and civilian population in the event of a long siege. This problem has frequently been the subject of unofficial comment and speculation, but evidently has received more official attention than is generally known.

Besides great accumulated reserves of foodstuffs and fuel, it is understood that the defence projects include vast "seed reserves" which would enable quick planting of food crops in emergency.

Cement Works For Iraq

The first cement works to be built in Iraq, where trouble has broken out, was recently shipped out there completed from a famous British steel works.

It includes a large plant for crushing the limestone, large mills for grinding the limestone and clay to the necessary degree of fineness, a rotary kiln, 300 feet long, for burning the raw materials, another large mill for making finished cement, and an ingenious machine which automatically packs the product in paper sacks.

The works, which will turn out 250 tons of cement a day, will be able to increase the output to 600 tons a day.

Egg Shampoos Shock Food Ministry

Following the disclosure that numbers of women are receiving egg shampoos in expensive beauty salons in London, an official of the Ministry of Food has announced that inspectors are now on the trail of those wasting food in this manner.

The official said: "We are surprised and shocked by the news. We have inspectors always on the lookout for the misuse of food, but a women's beauty parlour is probably the last place they would think of looking."

The legal department is considering what action will be taken.

"Although eggs are not rationed, the defence regulations empower food inspectors to seize any wasting food which is fit for human consumption."

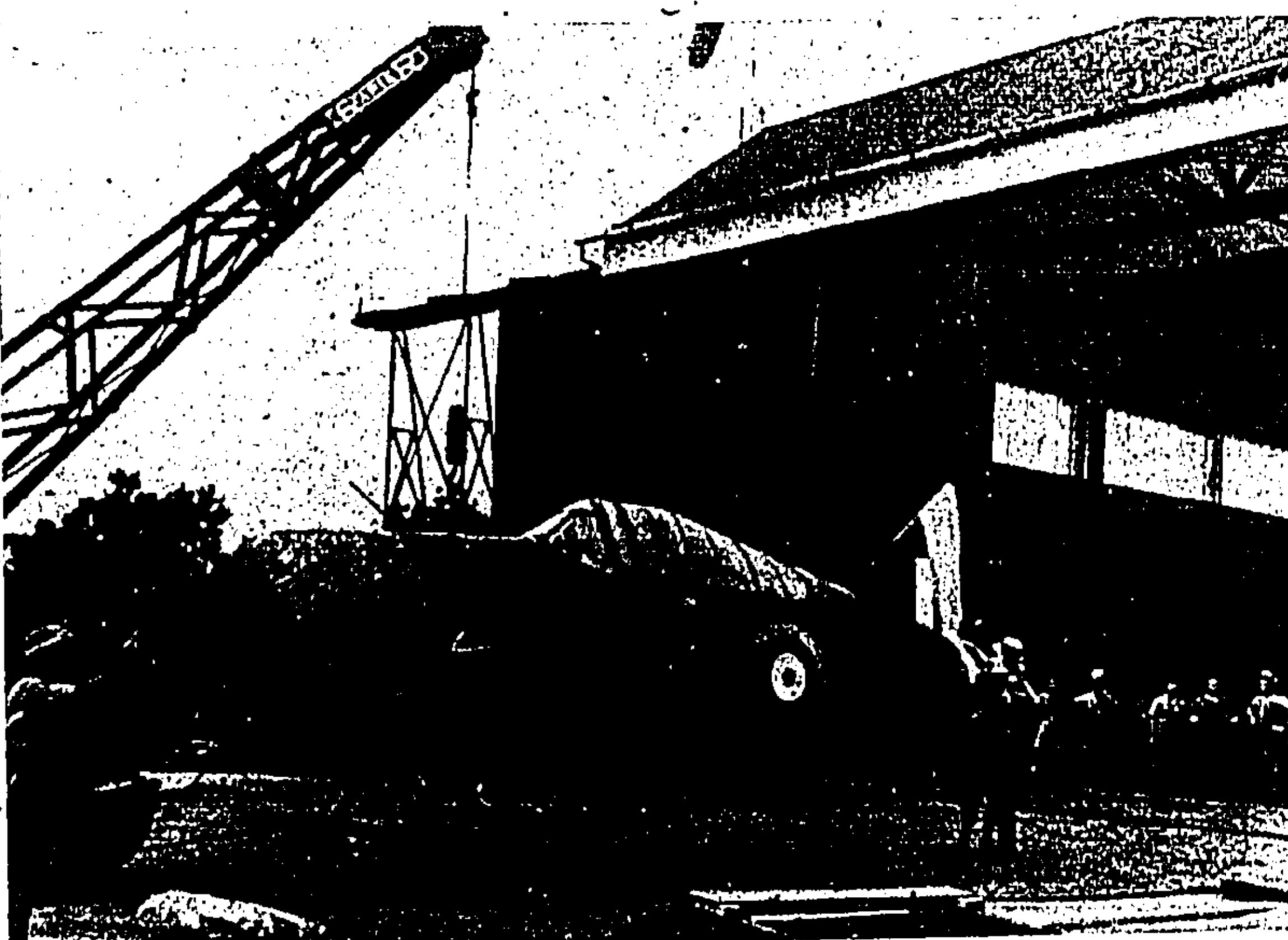
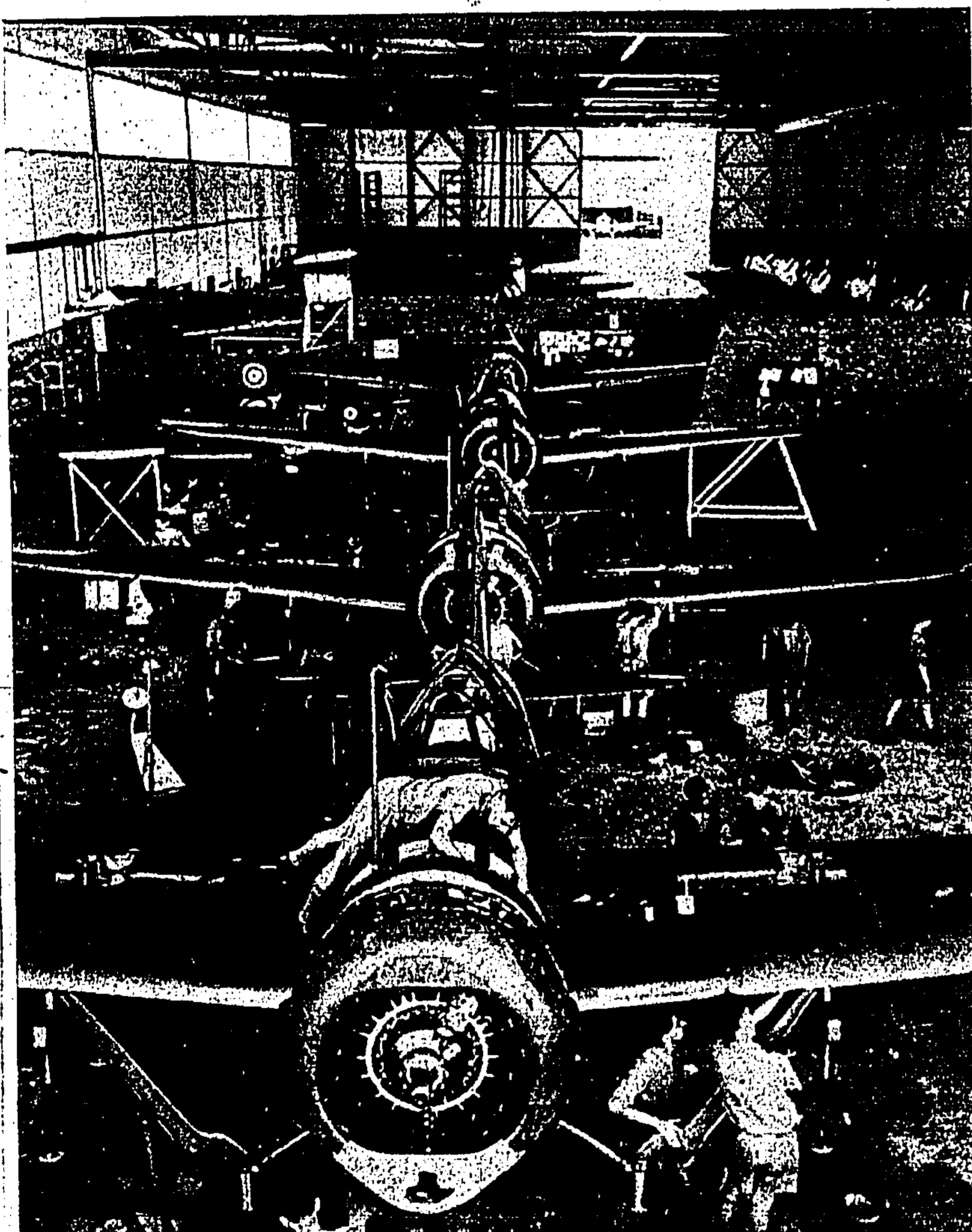
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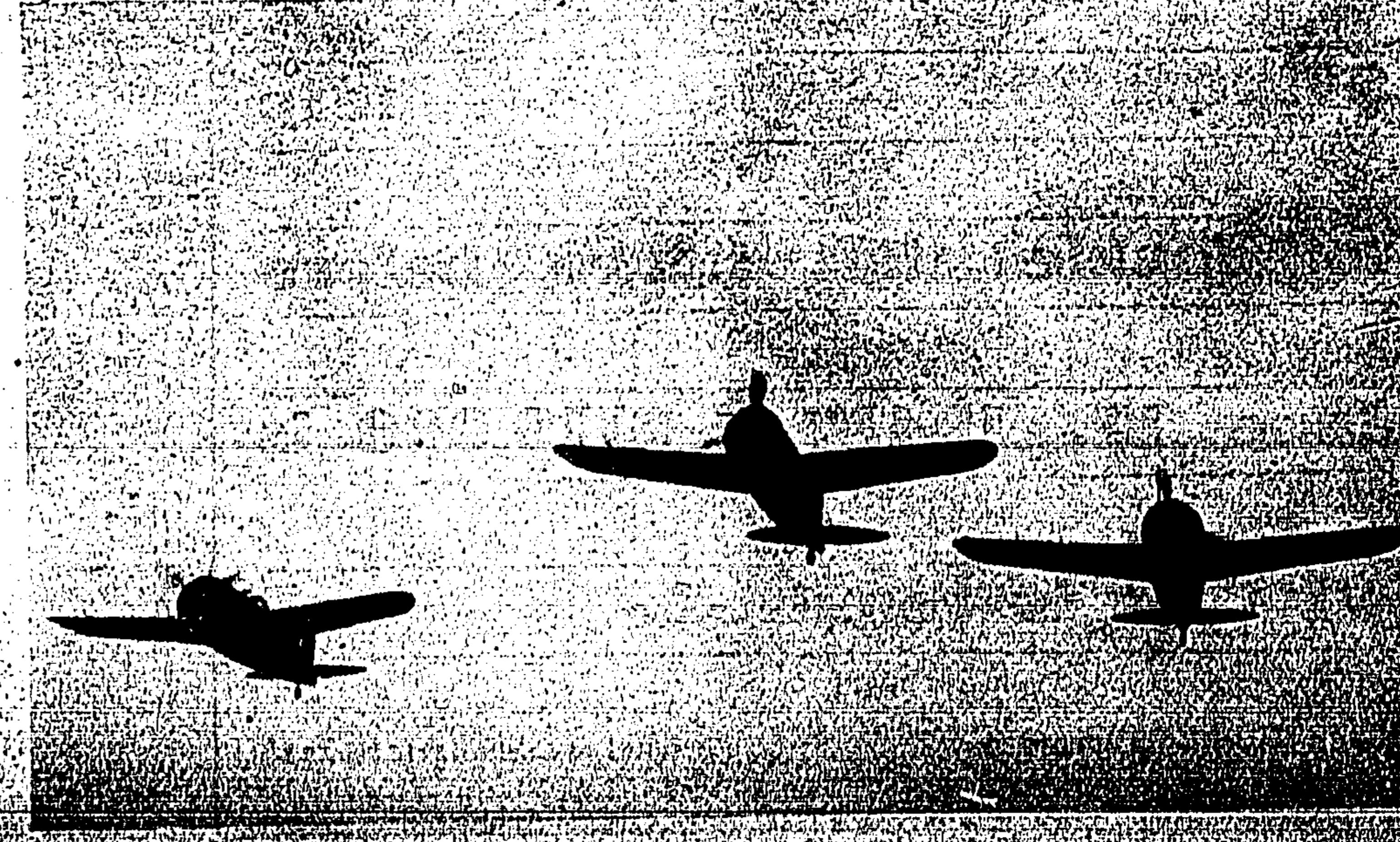
AMERICAN FIGHTERS IN MALAYAN SKIES



(Top left) A typical fighter pilot in the cockpit of a Buffalo. (Above) Swinging a Buffalo fuselage, just uncrated, into the hangar for assembly. (Right) R.A.F. mechanics in one of the workshops.



(Left) Part of the assembly lines at an R.A.F. station. (Lower left) A line-up of Blenheim bombers with Buffaloes in the background. (Lower right) Three Buffalo fighters in the air.



Recently arrived in Singapore, since assembled and now in the air over Malaya are large numbers of Brewster Buffaloes, high-speed American fighter planes. The men to fly them came from England — experienced fighter pilots, one of whom has downed ten Nazi planes. Photos on this page, the first to be released of the new Far Eastern air strength, show some of the first assembled Buffaloes at an R.A.F. station and in the air.

CURRENT COMMENT By Scrutineer

The Baghdad Railway comes into the picture now that Iraq is on its own government remains in some trouble. It was Germany who got a concession in 1902 to construct this highway to the East, but the vision of a journey from Berlin to Baghdad was not realised until July 17, 1940, when the first train steamed out of Baghdad for Istanbul. Basra where our troops have landed, is 363 miles from Baghdad and the night train takes 14 hours to complete the journey.

Whether the railway will prove to be a backdoor, a sort of Burma Road to Turkey, or a front door for a German invasion, remains to be seen. It depends on the attitude Turkey adopts.

Germany naturally has her eye on the rich oil wells of Kirkuk and of Iran. Between them they produce sixteen to twenty million tons per annum. Their loss would be a serious blow to our forces in the Middle East, but the gain to Germany would not be very great unless she had control of the Eastern Mediterranean. This oil cannot be conveyed overland by railway, for tank wagons are few and the journey is long. It goes by pipeline to Tripoli in Syria, or to Haifa in Palestine, where it is loaded into tankers. Iraq, or Mesopotamia as it used to be called, is not an attractive country. A British soldier in a letter home described it and his own feelings quite accurately when he said "it was miles and miles and miles of damn all."

OIL AND IRAQ

It is inhabited by numerous tribes whose great passion is religion and whose daily lives are marked by the greatest corruption, cruelty and vice. The following conversation illustrates this point:

"Abd al Kuriyim said: 'The first of the great sins is in the giving of divine honour to a creature.' Of course, I replied, 'the enormity of such a sin is beyond all doubt. But if this be the first, there must be a second; what is it?' Drinking (that is, smoking tobacco), was the unhesitating answer. 'And murder, adultery, and false witness?' I suggested. 'God is merciful and forgiving,' rejoined my friend; 'that is, these are merely little sins.'

At the Conference of Versailles it was agreed that Mesopotamia should have self-government. Three very prominent English politicians discussed the question:

"I fear that the country may be badly governed," said the first.

"The country will be badly governed," said the second.

"The country ought to be badly governed," added the third.

It is not a savoury place as far as politics go, and were it not for the oil it might have been left to its own evil manner of life. What used to be a prosperous country has been reduced to penury by the quarrels, oppression and corruption of the various tribal leaders.

Rashid Ali, who was put in gaol by the British two years ago, is a fair sample of the men who are thrown up from time to time. The possession of Basra, and the air force we maintain in Iraq, however, ought to ensure our mastery in Baghdad.

PETAIN'S FRANCE

Marshal Petain, in a proclamation calling upon all Frenchmen to forget their past with its liberty and equality and brotherhood and to embrace the new doctrine of the family, hard work and plenty, refers contemptuously to the corrupt and self-seeking politicians who caused the downfall of France.

TELEGRAPH SATURDAY FEATURE

To purchase ease and comfort in France by treachery of this nature that when war broke out between England and Germany, the British Fund would automatically come to an end, but gifts in kind and in money kept coming in to the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, at the depot at 121 Westbourne Terrace, London, W.2, and therefore the Fund was continued. From the outbreak of the European War until the end of December, 1940, sums amounting to £20,374 — 14s. — 3d. were received.

In the last order of the day issued by the German High Command on November 10, 1918—given in the Encyclopaedia Britannica under 'Tanks'—which Colonel Swinton quotes, it says that the cause of the German defeat was the British tank. That was the conviction of the German generals, and since that day they have assumed that the next war could only be won by the development of the tank.

There were many in the French army and some in the British who did not share that view.

Even as late as March 1920 a certain Brigadier Collins in the R. E. Journal threw cold water on the idea that mechanised war was the key to victory.

Lord Haig said that "only by the rifle and bayonet of the infantryman can the decisive victory be won."

It is always the case, of course, that we start off the new war with the weapons and tactics of the old one. The Germans, however, adopted the ideas of the British inventors and put all their money in it and on it, at least what was left over after building the planes which again they did not invent.

If, then, the machines are more important at the moment than vast armies, the United States as the workshop and arsenal assumes very great, and even decisive importance in this war.

COMMONS DEBATE

We are continually being asked to declare our war aims. It is hardly necessary to do more than to point to the discussion in the House of Commons which took place on Wednesday.

It is for the right to meet together and discuss our national affairs in a frank and critical manner. It is for the right to point out weaknesses and defects in order that they may be removed; to get angry when there is injustice and to demand redress, and to get from the head of the government from time to time an account of his stewardship and to learn the truth, however unpalatable it may be.

A nation that can turn the light on its national assembly like that is healthy and vigorous. Instead of putting its critics into the concentration camp, it gives them a full and free hearing. The opposition is there for that purpose. The Prime Minister's speech was a masterpiece of direct statement without any subtlety or any attempt to disguise the truth.

The betrayal of a former ally who stood by the side of France in 1914-18 and offered the most generous terms ever made, before her collapse in June last year, is surely a greater crime than any perpetrated by Reynaud to his colleagues.

POCKET CARTOON



"Oh, the patient's all right, but I've completely lost a unique appendix."

of hours; who have attacked every sort of dwelling in Britain, from Buckingham Palace to workmen's cottages in Wales, besides innumerable churches (more than 2,000 were listed by the Vatican Radio the other day), schools, hospitals and ancient buildings infinitely lovelier and more "venerable" than anything the gloomy capital of Hitler's ape-State could boast.

SITUATION IN FAR EAST

The situation in the Far East remains as it has been for some time. It seems that the German agents in Japan have over-stated the case, and instead of their enthusiasm spurring the Japanese on to intervention, it has made the latter rather suspicious.

Some of the working parties in the country have continued to meet, and a steady though smaller supply of bandages, operation gowns and other hospital requisites has been maintained. Altogether, during the year, 175 bales have been sent out. Drugs and anaesthetics have also been shipped to China, and it is noteworthy that during the evacuation of Dunkirk a ship (one of a convoy) passed down the English Channel conveying, among other things, a number of cases of drugs and instruments for China relief.

BERLIN RAID

The Germans evidently felt the full force of the blow which the R.A.F. struck at Berlin recently. This is the Nazi radio's account of the raid.

"Numbers of high-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on the capital of the Reich. The results of this attack provide a further example of the inhuman methods of the R.A.F. Everything of German culture and artistic life was bombed indiscriminately. The venerable State Opera House in Unter den Linden, the State Library, museums and many other historic buildings were damaged. One hospital received a direct hit which destroyed its research department and several laboratories. Direct hits on dwellings caused casualties to the civilian population."

This shirk of outraged virtue comes from people who machine-gunned terrified women and children on the roads of Poland, Belgium, Holland and France, just as they are machine-gunning them in the Balkans to-day; who last summer laid waste the greater part of the fair city of Rotterdam, murdering between 30,000 and 40,000 civilians in a couple

of hours.

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VISITORS HONOURED—Dr Leighton Stuart, President of Yenching University, and Mr H. J. Timperley, the noted "Manchester Guardian" correspondent, were entertained at the Gloucester Hotel last week by the Yenching University Alumni Association. The guests of honour are seated tenth and eleventh in the photograph above. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THANKSGIVING DINNER—To celebrate the conclusion of their recent successful drive for funds, members of the Young Women's Christian Association hold a thanksgiving service and dinner at the Association headquarters. Picture is of a section of the large attendance. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



INSPECTOR CHU HEUNG, who retired recently from the Hongkong Police Force, was entertained last week by Mr Lam Chat-ming. Photo taken at the party shows (front row) Mr F. P. Franklin, Mr W. P. Thompson, A.S.P., Mr F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I., Mr Lam, Inspector Chu Heung. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

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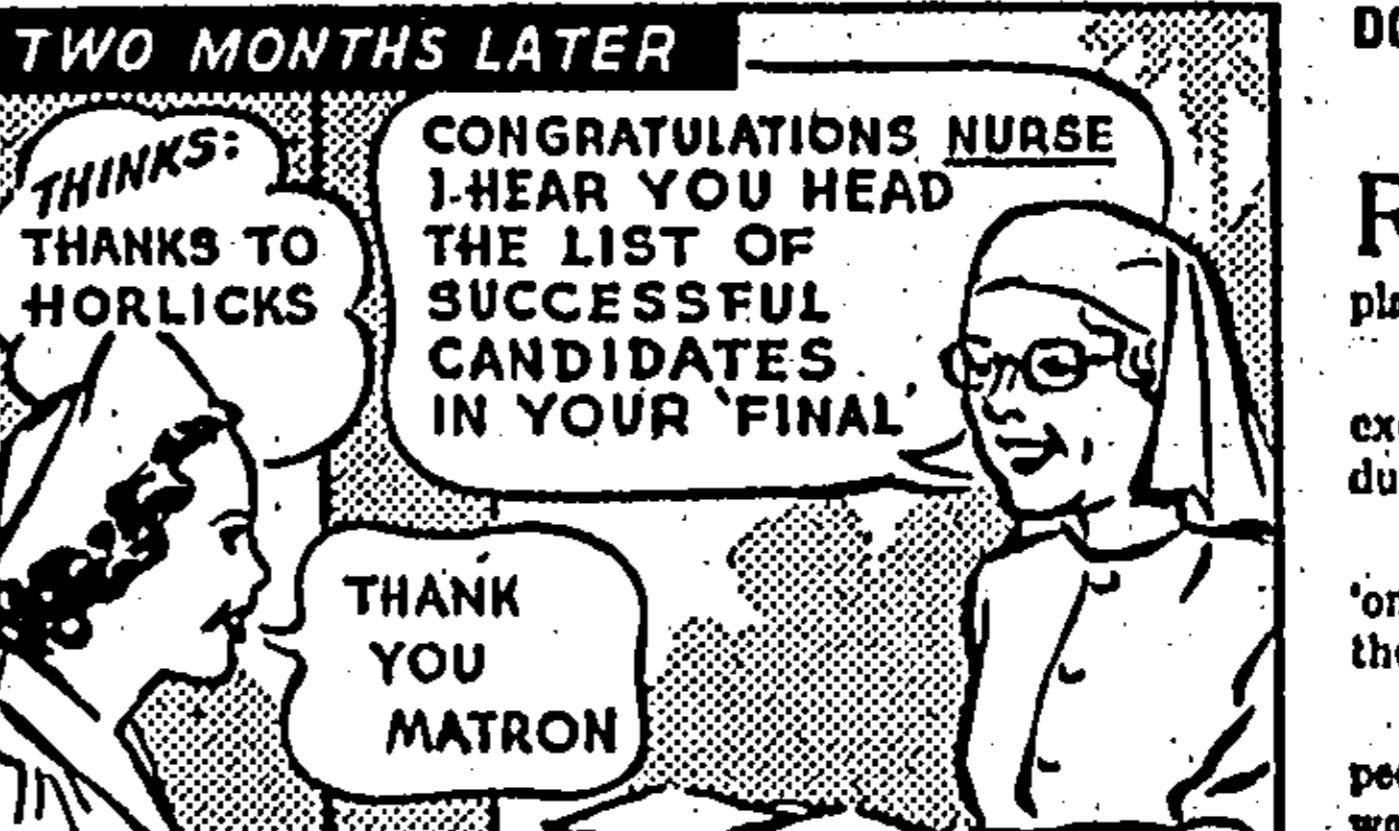
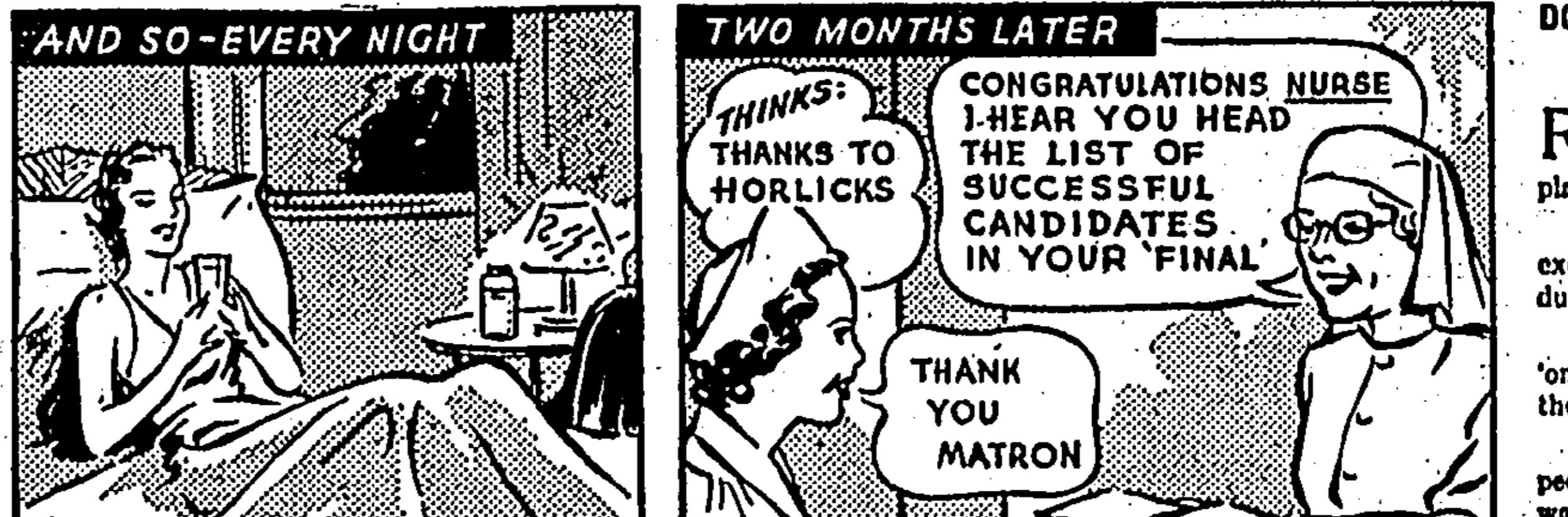
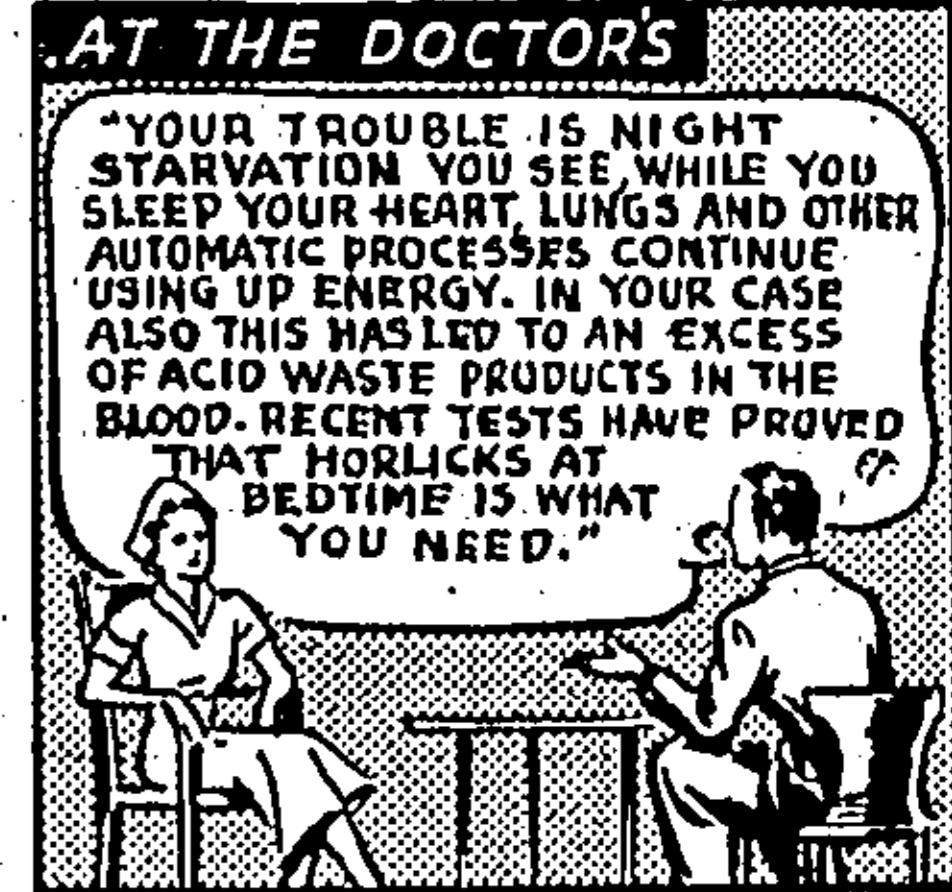
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YACHT CLUB DANCE—Two happy parties snapped at the dance at the Yacht Club last week-end. Top picture shows Mrs Edwards, Miss Maureen Booker and Miss Pam Pritchard with Messrs Cornock, McDouall, Squadron Leader Wright and Mr G. J. Caroy. In the lower photo are seen Mr and Mrs J. A. Ritchie, Mr and Mrs Nockelman, Mr G. G. Wood, Mr P. C. M. Sedgwick, Mr W. Scott, Mr N. V. A. Croucher, Mr W. A. Hogarth and Mr and Mrs R. Johannesson. (Photos: Ming Yuen).

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SILVER WEDDING—Mr & Mrs N. J. T. Greenwood celebrated their Silver Wedding on Saturday last with a party at Stonecutter's. Mr Greenwood is Resident Officer at the Wireless Telegraphy Station there. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



HOCKEY CHAMPIONS—Picture of the Club de Recreio's hockey team, winners of the League for 1940/41. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



DIANNE JOAN GIFFEN, five-month-old daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Giffen of Hongkong. Dianne is with her mother in British Columbia, where a number of evacuated Hongkong families are staying.



FOOTBALL REFEREES—Photo of the Committee of the Football Referees' Association, who met recently to bid farewell to Company Sergeant-Major M. Minihan, the Army representative. In the picture are (back row) Mr W. M. Glover and C. S. M. Minihan, (front row) Mr F. J. da Silva, Mr Hugh A. Board, the chairman, and Mr D. Kossick. (Photo Sun Ying Ming).



ARMY SPORTS—Members of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, team who won the Army Inter-Unit Athletic Championship recently. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



COMING OF AGE—Picture taken at the Hongkong Hotel where Miss Mitzi Glover (centre) celebrated her coming of age. The guests included Lt Cmdr Grosman, Mrs Barry, Mr and Mrs Sutor and Lt Wilson.

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IN THE PACIFIC

How the Far Eastern Bases Govern Naval Strategy for the United States and Britain

By Francis McMurtie

IN the past Japan's greatest defensive asset has been her geographical situation, remote from any adversary who need be feared. It was the distance from its main bases in the Baltic, quite as much as any superior efficiency on Japan's part, which defeated the Russian navy in 1904-5. But this factor of distance also precludes Japan from making any decisive stroke against an opponent.

Notwithstanding the sensational prophecies in which American scaremongers have indulged from time to time, it remains a fact that the distance from Japan to California is over 4,750 miles. No sane strategist would dream of embarking an expedition across such an immense stretch of sea in the face of naval opposition.

regard the fortification of guns. There is some slight uncertainty about the tenth Guam as a cause of offence seems no longer to operate, and the Naval Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives has strongly recommended that the necessary credits be voted. This last-minute

repentance on the part of

America's legislators is of

little help for the present

time. In the circumstances

the only route which an

American fleet could prudently follow if bent on

countering Japanese aggression in the East would have to be an indirect one.

At first sight the nearest way to the objective would appear to be via Alaska, especially as there is an American naval base at Dutch Harbour, in the Aleutian Islands, some 2,000 miles from the northernmost

Three or four smaller armoured ships of the "pocket battleship" type are also competing for the Japanese navy, but these for practical purposes may be regarded as heavy armoured cruisers.

Japan has seven completed aircraft-carriers, but only two of them are of large size. Two

prove less formidable than it appears on paper. Still, it is well not to undervalue a possible opponent, and it should be added that the personnel has the reputation of being brave and well trained, though a little inclined to over-excitement in action.

The United States Pacific Fleet, as already mentioned, is fully equal to the entire Japanese navy in the number of its units. These are reported to include 12 battleships, three of which mount 16-inch guns and the remainder 14-inch; five aircraft-carriers, all of larger size than the average Japanese unit of this category; about 30 cruisers, again of greater average size than their Japanese opposite numbers; about 80 destroyers—though they are being turned out so rapidly that this figure may well be an underestimate—and at least 40 submarines.

There is, in addition, the Asiatic Fleet, which normally comprises two cruisers, 14 destroyers, a dozen submarines, and sundry gunboats, minesweepers, and other minor craft. But other American warships are in service, of course, in the Atlantic Fleet. These could readily be used to reinforce the Pacific Fleet by way of the Panama Canal. They include three battleships, with, cruisers, destroyers, submarines and auxiliary vessels.

American naval construction in hand includes 16 battleships, 12 aircraft-carriers, 54 cruisers, about 200 destroyers and over 70 submarines. Two of the new battleships will be ready this spring. As in the case of the defences of Guam and Tutuila, the United States has been a little slow in awakening to the extent of Japanese preparations, but her building capacity is far beyond anything to which Japan could attain, despite her earlier start.

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So far as Allied naval forces in the Far East are concerned, the British China Squadron, under the command of Vice-Adm. Sir Geoffrey Layton, normally consists of four cruisers, a dozen destroyers, 15 submarines, half-a-dozen sloops and nine minesweepers, besides smaller craft. It is known, however, that a large part of this force has been recalled to home waters since the war began.

The Royal Australian Navy's strength amounts to six cruisers, five destroyers, four sloops and some smaller vessels. Though several of these have been officially reported to be serving in the Mediterranean or elsewhere, H.M.A.S. Sydney, the ship which sank the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, recently returned to her home port.

The New Zealand division, normally two cruisers and two sloops, might also be available as a reinforcement.

In the East Indies the Royal Netherland navy maintains a force of three cruisers, seven destroyers 15 submarines, and a considerable number of sloops, minelayers, minesweepers and motor torpedo-boats. I have mentioned the principal base, Sourabaya, in the island of Java. There are shipbuilding and repairing facilities there, with dry docks.

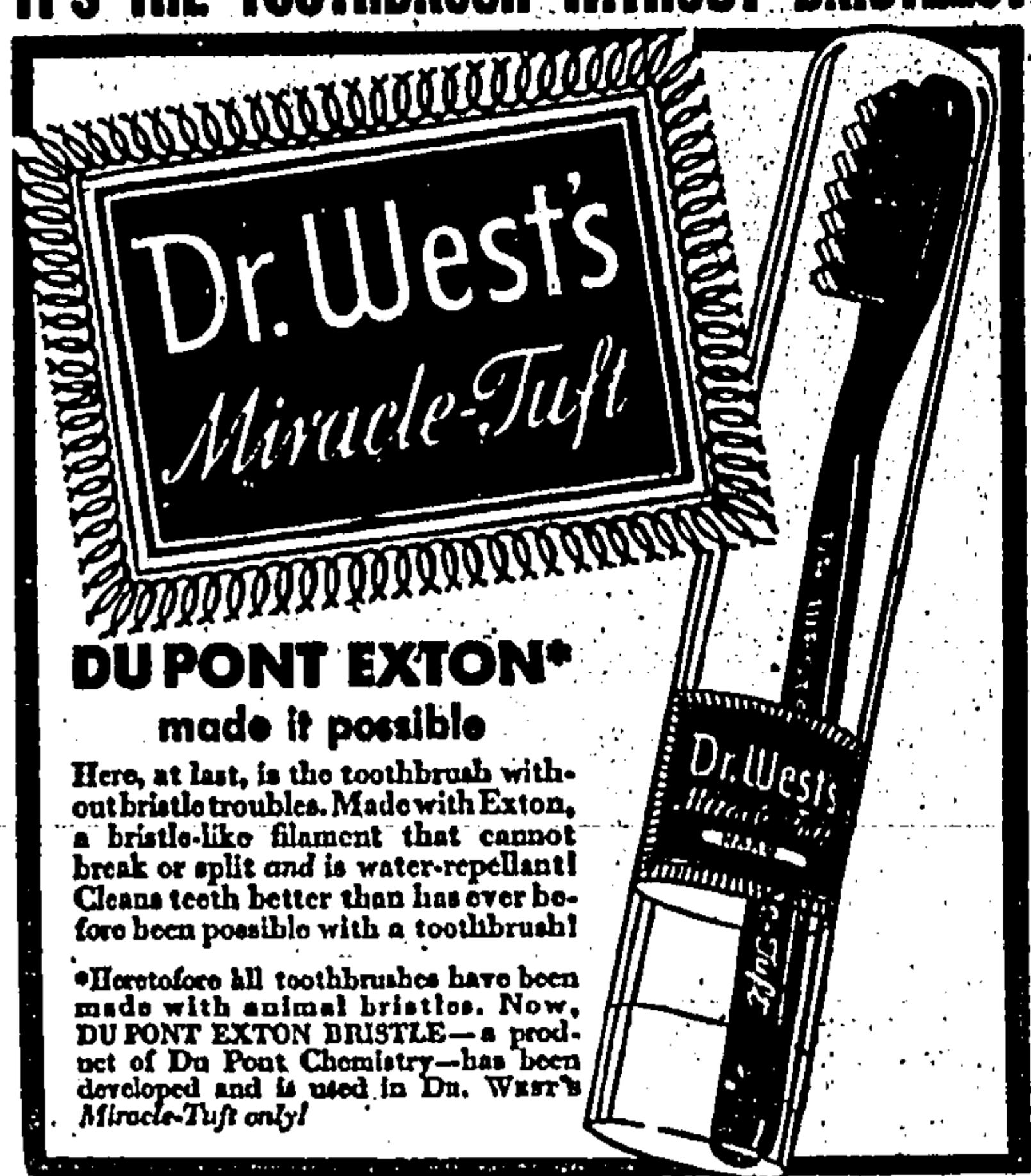
At the British bases at Singapore and Hongkong there are dry docks capable of accomodating the biggest warships afloat, an invaluable asset in the event of battleships receiving heavy underwater damage. Both ports are defended by well-armed and fully-garrisoned forts, of which few particulars have been published, though it has been officially reported that the Singapore defences mount guns of exceptional range and power. Minefields also exist and could be extended.

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It is difficult, then, to see how Japan can strike a decisive blow against either British or American interests. Her position is as I described it at the outset. It is true that the Philippine Islands offer a tempting bait, since they could be invaded from Formosa or Hainan before the United States fleet could concentrate to defend them; but their temporary loss, even if the Japanese met with no great resistance, would not make much difference to America so long as Singapore remained available as a main base.

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Movies

Doings of Stars and Studios

Virginia Weidler, who has been acclaimed for her acting in such pictures as "The Philadelphia Story" and "All This And Heaven Too," has started dancing and singing lessons with the possibility of a musical role soon.

The start of her new lessons satisfied an old ambition. Virginia's mother was a Continental opera and concert star, and her three brothers are members of an orchestra. Yet Virginia never has done any serious singing or dancing in her more than 30 screen roles.

Frank Borzage will direct Jeanette MacDonald in "Smilin' Through," when that film goes before the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cameras.

Shirley Temple's long-awaited return to the screen will materialise shortly when she joins "Babes On Broadway." Arthur Freed will produce with Busby Berkeley as director.

"Step This Way," starring the Marx Brothers, has gone into production under the direction of Charles "Chuck" Reisner. Tony Martin, who has just completed a role in "Ziegfeld Girl," Virginia Grey, Virginia O'Brien, Margaret Dumont and Charles Holland will support the Marx Brothers.

Britain's ten most popular film stars in 1940, according to a census of 4,500 cinema managers made by "Motion Picture Herald," were George

Henry Fonda is to star in "A Yank in the R.A.F."

David Selznick is trying to acquire the rights of "The Lodger," last made by Alfred Hitchcock, twelve years ago. Hitch would direct the new version with Joan Fontaine.

Sylvia Ashley, widow of Douglas Fairbanks, Senior, was tested for a part in the new Joan Crawford film, "A Woman's Face."

Sixteen-year-old Georgiana Young launched her own film career in Hollywood without revealing that she was the kid sister of screen star Loretta Young. Without confiding in her family, Georgiana reported for an interview at RKO Radio for a part in "No, No, Nanette." She picked a highly competitive test for her first assignment, but came through with flying colours when Producer-Director Herbert Wilcox and famed artist McClelland Barclay selected her and two other girls from a group of 40 beauties who tried out for roles as artists models. The part involved considerable dialogue and several comedy scenes with Anna Neagle and Richard Carlson.



The Howards of Virginia

Laid in the 1770 period of United with his family after the American colonies, "The tribulation of war. Hitler would be puzzled at showing at the King's Theatre, deals less with the birth Boston Harbour tea jettisoning, Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death," and the defeat of colonial sweep away.

Uppishness is centred in the gouty, pompous rigidity of Sir Cedric Hardwicke, whose sister, Martha Scott, weds a breezy Virginia farmer in the person of Cary Grant—loud, always bellowing like a bull, gauche, domestic and rebellious.

He joins the fighting-colonies, finds his sons on the same side, and is re-

frequently. She is fuller in quality and depth here than she was in "Our Town."

Grant, however, does not come through as well. He is still a great, big chap, natural and human, and you feel as though you have known him all your life, but the role seems to call for a more serious player.

It is not his fault; blame it on the fact that Hollywood is going through an astonishing shortage of leading men.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke's impersonation of an embittered and haughty aristocrat is magnificent; Alan Marshal and Richard Carlson are good and there's a young kid, in a small part, named Phil Taylor. Watch him; he is splendid.

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1.13 Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuters and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A Noel Coward Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 p.m. Indian Programme.

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6.32 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

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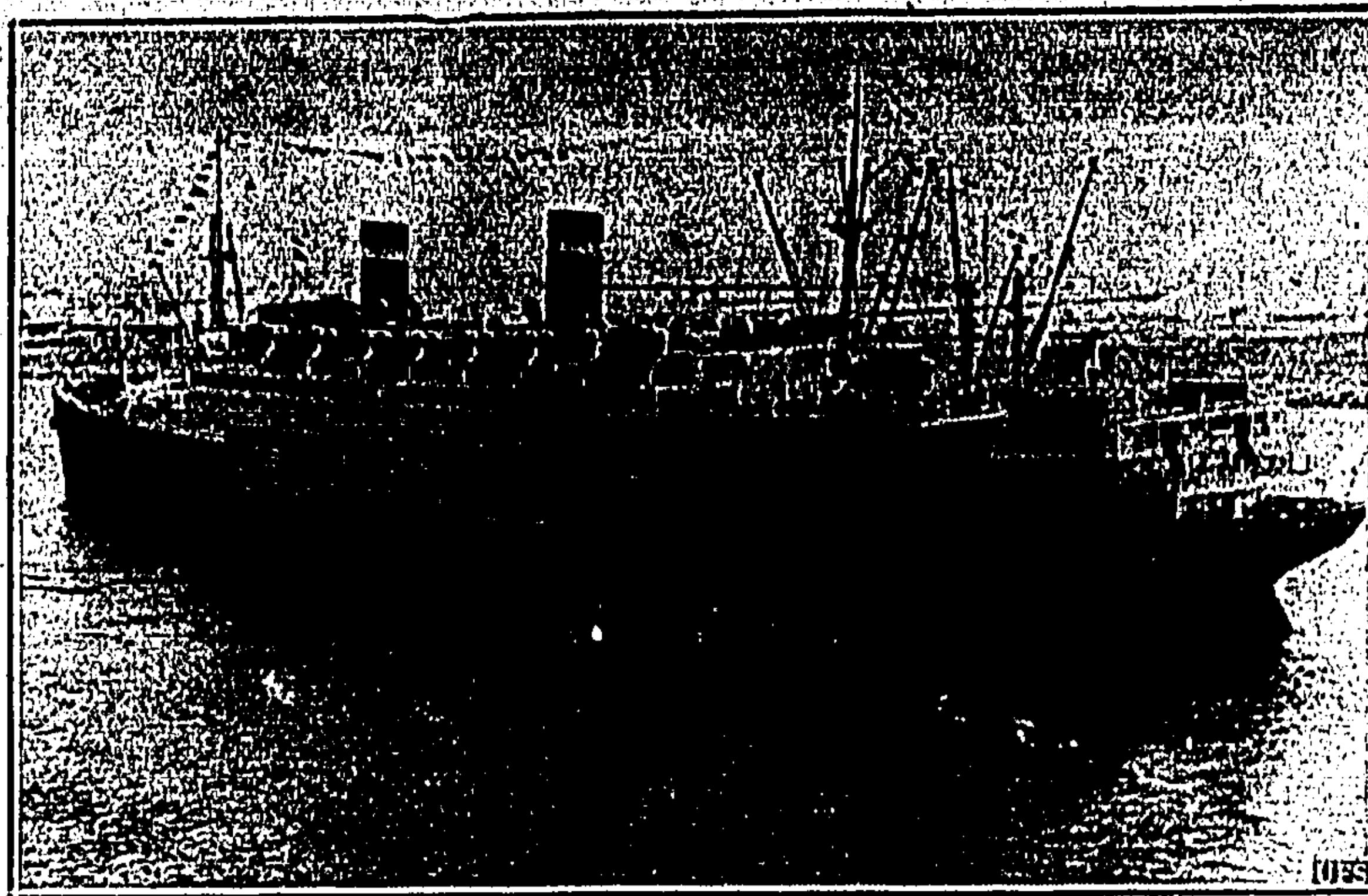
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France Would Become Britain's Ally Again

Marshal Foch in 1918 said that France would never be secure without the Rhine-land. Without the protection of the Rhine there was a formidable wedge of German territory thrust between France and Belgium. But President Wilson and Mr Lloyd George refused to let France take the Rhineland, and in return promised her a defensive alliance. When France relinquished her claim the United States withdrew from that promise, and Great Britain, "in an hour disastrous to European civilisation," followed suit.

Professor Hugh Sellon, at one time Director of the British Institute in Paris, recalled this history in the course of an address to the Manchester Rotary Club on the causes of the French defeat. Here, he argued, lay the explanation of the adoption by the French General Staff of a defensive strategy. France felt she could not again face the terrible toll of blood that she paid in the last war.

"It is too readily said," he continued, "that the Maginot Line was a fatal illusion. But the Maginot Line gave Britain nine months during which to prepare for the inevitable crash. And we must remember that it was not broken; it was turned.

"Two disastrous things happened. The line was not extended to the sea because the King of the Belgians was trying to hold the balance between the Walloons and the Flemings, and it was felt that to extend the line to the sea would be to divide Belgium from France and incline her towards Germany.

"When Germany attacked Belgium it was decided, against the advice of General Gamelin, to go into Belgium to help her. Thus, not only were the Allied armies disastrously outnumbered but they were compelled to increase the length of their line.

From that moment the fortifications which the French and British had put up during nine months between Montmédy and the sea were turned, and France had to fight in the open; "Collapse Inevitable".

He had no hesitation in saying that even if there had been no political jealousies, no political and military disorganisation, no corruption in France, the French military collapse would have been inevitable, because as a French general said to a friend of his, "you can't fight tanks and planes with your bare fists."

The disaster of France was a military disaster, but not the collapse of a nation, in moral fibre. A nation can recover from military disaster. France had done it again and again, and would do so yet again. The process of recovery had begun. She was still our ally, and an empire of ten million French people was fighting at our side.

Marshal Petain had done something most remarkable. He had stood up to Hitler, happily for us and our African campaign, and had kept unoccupied France as a buffer between us and the Germans. **Ally Again?**

Sooner than most people believed the whole of France would once more be our effective Allies, co-operating with us in the final destruction of German militarism and taking her part in the reorganisation and pacification of Europe. Though she was defeated, she fought as well and as bravely as ever in her long history.

HISTORIC TRIAL ON STAGE

Some 70 years ago Robert Kelly was charged in Green Street Court-house, Dublin, with the murder of a policeman, who had been instrumental in having convicted many alleged members of the Fenian Society.

Isaac Butt, once a Unionist, later leader of the Irish Home Rule movement, was counsel for the defence. When the case for the Crown resulted in Kelly's conviction, Butt caused a sensation by pleading that it was not the bullet but the surgical operation that followed which killed the policeman.

He obtained his client's acquittal. From that hour Butt became a national hero.

Abbey Production

Roger McHugh, lecturer in English at University College, Dublin, has dramatised this trial and his play has been staged at the Abbey Theatre under the title, "Trial at Green Street Courthouse."

Out of a large cast, F. J. McCormick was outstanding as Isaac Butt.

Answers to QUIZ

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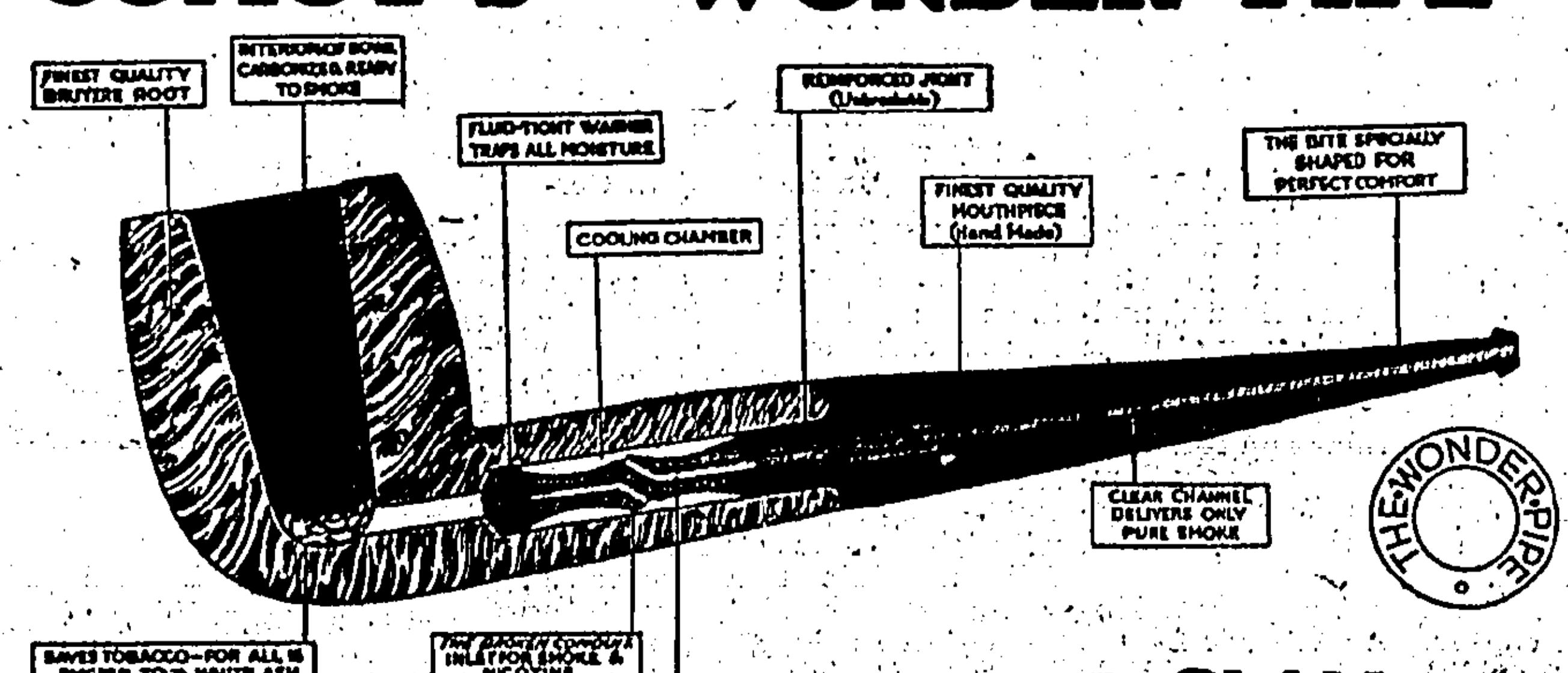
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Using Cheques To Halt Inflation

The recent Vichy law requiring all money transfers above \$3,000 francs to be made with certified cheques is at last going into effect.

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U.S. In War
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New York Prediction

The belief that the United States will be at war by June 1 was expressed recently by Fletcher Pratt, the military expert of the "New York Post."

Surveying the situation, he declared the British face the grand assault of 1941 "with a sort of supreme confidence in their ability to meet every form of attack except on the water."

He sees the shipping problem as the gravest one confronting the Allies.

To Study Carolina Lakes Area

ELIZABETH TOWN, N.C. (UP)—An old theory that numerous lakes and swamps in southeastern North Carolina were "caused" by falling meteorites many centuries ago is being studied by John C. McCampbell, of the University of North Carolina. Working under a permit from the State Department of Conservation and Development, McCampbell is concentrating his geological investigation in the 40,000 acre Bladen Lake area.

Most of the lakes or "bays" in the area are oval or egg shaped, and for years local residents have believed they were dug by a shower of meteorites.

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